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SIKES' CASE GRINDS SLOWLY ON TUESDAY

Only a fair sized crowd was in the court room when the embezzlement case against former Probate Judge Sikes was resumed Tuesday morning. Slow progress was made with the witnesses, most of whom were public officials and their testimony related to items of record that required frequent search.

Following the testimony of Judge Beatty heard Monday, the state's second witness was Rudolph Kountz, former New Boston saloonist, who testified to a fine of $50 and costs for Sunday selling, assessed against him by Judge Sikes on July 13, 1904. Kountz testified that he paid over the full amount to Judge Sikes, but had since lost his receipt.

Jackson Cropper paid a like amount at the same time for a similar offense. He testified that he paid the money to Emmett McKeown, who was then Sikes' deputy. He, too, had lost his receipt.

The third of these witnesses, Henry Hans, of New Boston, had paid a $50 fine also, and he was able to produce the receipt, showing the money had been paid to Deputy McKeown also. Upon cross-examination it developed that Judge Sikes had not paid these three fines into the treasury until early this year, after the matter had been disclosed by the state examiner's report.

Emmett McKeown, who is now employed at the office of the Belfont furnace, in Ironton, gave his testimony Tuesday morning and was allowed to go back, to be summoned again by phone if needed further.

Former Deputy McKeown had a clear recollection of the payment made by Kountz, Cropper and Hans. He said that he turned all sums collected over to Judge Sikes. Upon cross-examination, Mr. McKeown said he never knew of any irregularities upon Judge Sikes' part while acting as deputy, and that when he left his employ, he thought everything was absolutely straight in the office.

Fred N. Tynes, county auditor, next called, identified an expense warrant issued July 23, 1907, to Judge Sikes in the sum of $122.80, for making record of births and deaths for the year. Objected to as evidence by the defense. Prosecutor Moulton made a statement that same was not turned back into the county fee fund as required by law. Defense insisted the money had been repaid and this was still denied by the state. The evidence went in subject to exception.

Another warrant identified was for Judge Sikes' salary for July, 1908, amounting to $252.08. Attorney Bannon objected on the ground that he had a right to draw his salary. The prosecutor explained that this private money had to be used by Judge Sikes to cover the alleged shortages in the fee fund. Attorney Bannon said the matter would admit of no such construction, but the court allowed it to go in subject to defense's exceptions.

Various other warrants and pay-in orders were identified by Auditor Tynes and offered in evidence subject to defense's exceptions. The first of these was a pay-in order dated September 30, 1907, whereby Judge Sikes paid over $440.72 to the county treasurer, as fees in sundry cases for the quarter then ending. Prosecutor Moulton made a statement that this amount should have been over $900 for the quarter. Upon this explanation, Judge Blair allowed it to go in. In turn the auditor was required to identify other pay-in checks. The amounts of the other alleged discrepancies were not shown, but the aggregate makes up a considerable portion of the sum of $2145.22, alleged to have been embezzled.

Upon cross-examination Auditor Tynes admitted that he had heard one error in one pay-in check was a $100 mistake in addition. Attorney Bannon also had the auditor to go somewhat into detail regarding the operation of the salary law, which went into effect January 1, 1907. The auditor has no knowledge at any time as to how many fees have been paid to any officer. He makes out the warrant for whatever sum the official may say he has collected during the quarter.

In his direct testimony, the state required the auditor to only identify warrants paid in from 1903 to October 12, 1907, the date of the examiner's report. Attorney Bannon made inquiry as to amounts paid in between October 12 and the date Judge Sikes' term expired, February 9, 1909. It developed that Judge Sikes paid in these amounts during that interval: December 31, 1908, $179.91; same day by another check, $502.21; December 11, $529.-28; January 29, 1909, $906.75; February, $9.65; same day,

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Lewis Has Maiority

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers said today his majority for re-election will reach thirty-six thousand votes over his opponent, William Green of Coshocton, Ohio.

FOUR MEN DIE IN EXPLOSION

Centralia, Ills., Dec. 28.—Four shot firers, all foreigners were killed in a dust explosion, caused by windy shot, in Mine No. 2 here this morning.

Peace May Be Result

Washington, Dec. 28.—A telegram from Bluefields last night stated that on the 22nd instant Pres. Madriz proposed to Gen. Estrada, a suspension of hostilities pending the arrival of a committee to discuss a settlement of the strife. Estrada expressed a willingness to meet the commissioners, but it is known he will not agree to Madriz's proposition that he continue as president until another election can be held.

RAILROADER LOSES MIND

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28. — Bernard H. Bail, second vice president and general freight traffic manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company became violently insane today in his office in the company's big office building but after a struggle was removed to a hospital.

RIVER MAN IS CALLED AWAY

Wellsburg, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Thomas W. Carmichael, vice president from West Virginia of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, died here today following an operation for peritonitis.

Fine Gift To Landlady

Mrs. L. Willis of Findlay street was given a handsome dining room table by her boarders for a Xmas present. Needless to say it was very highly appreciated and she thanks them very much.

Dr. Lake, veterinary surgeon, was called to Catlettsburg, Monday, on professional business.

Miss Emily Ball left Tuesday morning for Columbus to visit her brother. She will return on Saturday.

Cousin In This City

It was learned Tuesday, that Thomas Applegate, a young man who was shot and killed by Thos. Beckel at Tollesboro, Ky., Monday, is a cousin of R. G. Applegate of this city. Mr. Applegate is a traveling salesman for the Jones-Ferguson Wholesale Grocery company and word of the tragic fate that had overtaken his cousin came as a deep shock to him. The young man is alleged to have entered the home of Beckel and cut him with a knife, when Beckel shot him twice with a revolver and killed him instantly. Beckel was acquitted by a coroner's jury.

FORD CASE HAS A NEW TANGLE

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—(Special to The Times)—The discovery that a part of the criminal law which was repealed in 1879 has been carried on the statute books by error ever since, is expected to result in a new indictment of Mrs. Jeannette Ford, "the woman in the Warriner case." The grand jury met Tuesday and it is said will consider the question of a new indictment.

The startling discovery, which may mean that hundreds of criminal convictions since 1879 have been illegal, was made by Prosecutor Hunt and assistants Cash and Friecke in preparing for the trial of Mrs. Ford on the charge of blackmail.

A search of the archives at Columbus will be necessary to determine the exact condition of the law.

One result of the discovery will be a request to the legislature to make the law clear by the enactment of a new statute and the definite repeal of both the old ones.

PUMP HOUSE WAS BURNED

Fire destroyed two N. and W. pump houses containing much valuable machinery late Monday night.

A number of Hungarian laborers had been left in the buildings to keep a watch on the pipes and protect them from freezing. It is supposed that by some carelessness on their parts, fire spread from the ash box to the pump house proper. The Hungarians claim that they went to look at a pipe on the river bank and returning to the pump houses found them in flames. The pump houses were quite large frame buildings in which were valuable gasoline and steam engines. The loss of machinery besides the pump house itself will aggregate a loss of about $500, which is covered by insurance. The water tanks at the Terminals were furnished water by temporary pumps all day Tuesday. The pump houses will be rebuilt at once.

George Freshell On The Weather

George Freshell, veteran West Second street restauranteur has a weather hunch. George says this winter reminds him of the winters of '83 and '84, when this city experienced the worst floods of its history. The only difference the restaurant proprietor can see is that the snowfall has been a little earlier this year. Wherefore, George advises all his friends and the good citizens of the community in general to hearken to his prophecy and prepare for one grand flood.

Notice of the Barber Shops

Barber shops will be open Friday night until 9 o'clock and will close Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Patrons will govern their "shaves" accordingly.

'S TO OPEN JANUARY 1

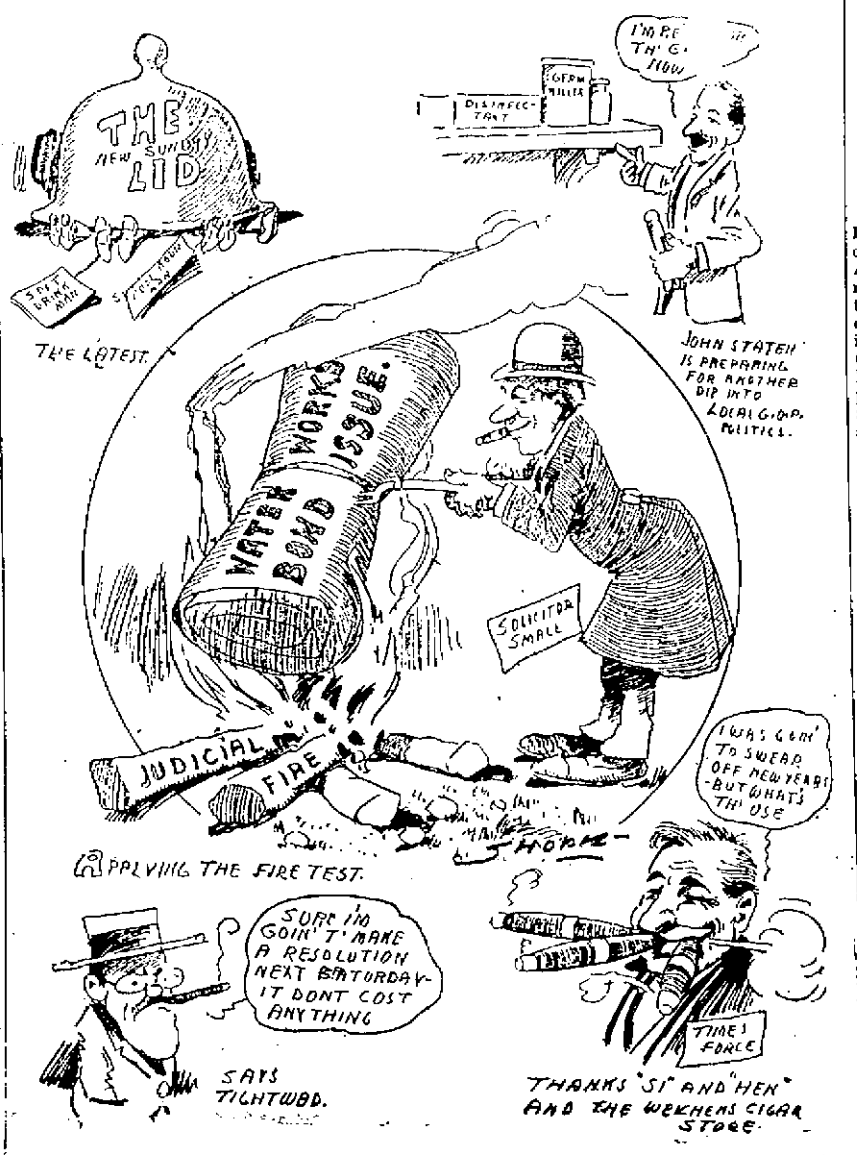
"Bobbie" Lewis' new pool and billiard parlor, as he promised, will be ready for trade on January 1st. The fittings of the second story apartments of the new Haldeman building in which the parlor is to be located were being put in Tuesday morning. Lewis is looking for a great turn out of his friends Saturday when the doors of his new amusement and recreation hall are thrown open. Had he room, he declares he would furnish the best band music to his first callers.

TAFT PREPARING SPECIAL MESSAGE

Washington, Dev. 23.— President Taft began today the preparation of the first of his special messages to congress. This message will deal with amendments which he believes are necessary in the Interstate Commerce and Sherman anti-trust acts. He also brings forward his ideas as to issuing federal licenses to corporations. The proposed license will be a voluntary one to be taken advantage of by such corporations as desire to place themselves under federal jurisdiction, or left alone as directors of corporations see fit. The message will be ready for reading to congress January 5th.

THE PASSING SHOW

BY SHONK


THE NEW SUNDAY LID
SOFT DRINK BAR
SPECIAL BRAND
THE LATEST
I'M RE TH' G. TIDE
GERM KILLER
DISINFECTANT
JOHN STATEN IS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER DIP INTO LOCAL GRAFT POLITICS.
WATER WORKS BOND ISSUE
SOLICITOR SMALL
JUDICIAL FIRE
I WAS GOIN' TO SWEAR OFF NEW YEARS -BUT WHAT'S TH' USE
APPLYING THE FIRE TEST.
SURE I'M GOIN' T' MAKE A RESOLUTION NEXT SATURDAY- IT DONT COST ANYTHING
SAYS TIGHTWAD.
TIME'S FORCE
THANKS "SI" AND "HEN" AND THE WEKHENS CIGAR STORE

SIXTY PASSENGERS HELD ALL NIGHT ON AN ICE BOUND FERRY

Bridgeport, O., Dec. 28.—Sixty passengers on a ferry boat were caught in an ice gorge in the Ohio river and held fast all night. The boat plies between Benwood, W. Va., and Bellaire, Ohio, and was in momentary danger of being crushed like an egg shell if there should be any large movement of the ice. All night long the panic stricken passengers were held in suspense until rescued by barges this morning.

LOVE AFFAIR IS BACK OF SUICIDE

Additional facts gathered from a deeper investigation into the tragic death of pretty Callie Wilson, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of near Powellsville, who was found lying dead on the kitchen floor of her parents home, with her heart pierced by a bullet from a 22 calibre rifle, early Monday morning, lead the officials to believe that the girl was disappointed in a love affair and deliberately suicided.

The verdict of county Coroner O. W. Robe, who was called to the scene shortly after the shooting, is suicide. He bases his conclusion on the fact that the circular imprint of the muzzle of the gun could be plainly seen on the breast of the girl and that her side was badly blackened by the powder from the discharged rifle showing that the weapon had been fired while pressed tightly over her heart.

Strengthening to the theory of suicide are the reports prevalent in the vicinity of Powellsville that the young girl had been keeping steady company with a young farmer of that locality and had made all arrangements to marry him, it is said, when her father disapproving of the young man, ordered the match broken off. The young girl is supposed to have brooded over the unhappy termination of her romance until the thoughts of self destruction took possession of her and she put an end to her unhappiness with the deadly rifle bullet.

Her parents never for a moment dreamed that she would do herself harm and they are prostrated over her rash deed. The girl was possessed of many personal charms and was quite a belle in her neighborhood. She is said to have been of a sweet and lovable disposition, made friends readily, and the tragic close of her young life has thrown sombre shadows over a wide circle of acquaintances.

The funeral will likely be held Wednesday. The remains will be interred at Powellsville.

Zelaya Now In Mexico

Santa Lucrecia, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua passed through here today on his way to Mexico City to see President Diaz.

Are Taking Inventory

The Anderson Bros. company is taking an annual inventory of the stock and cleaning up the store of its holiday attire. The third floor has been transformed from a toy department into a general merchandise department.

Doc Waddell In New York

"Doc" Waddell, the famous local showman, is doing the sights of old New York, having left his winter quarters at Columbus. In the spring "Doc" expects to go over to Chicago to take the road in advance of a large amusement company.

ARE PROBING BIG FLURRY

New York, Dec. 28.—The stock exchange committee began an investigation into the causes which sent Rock Island common stock up thirty points yesterday.

7 CHILDREN WERE BURNED TO DEATH

Sykesville, Pa., Dec. 28.—Seven children, ranging in age from two to twelve years were burned to death and three persons fatally injured, when fire followed by an explosion of powder destroyed the home of Stephen Bronosky, a miner. All of the victims are foreigners. The six children were members of Bronosky family, the seventh belonging to a boarder.

Ask Taft To Take Hand In Strike

St. Paul, Dec. 28.—President Parham of the railway telegraphers, who is chairman of the American Federation of Labor railway section went to Chicago today and tomorrow evening. He expects to be in Washington seeking to indnce the members of Interstate Commerce Commission or Pres. Taft to intervene in the dispute between switchmen and railroads, thus averting a general strike.

Returned to Their Home

Henry Jones and wife have returned to their home at Huntington, Ind., after spending Christmas with relatives in the city. While here they visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hans of 315 Madison street. Mr. Jones is superintendent of a shoe factory at Huntington, Ind.

Say Report Is Untrue

The statement in Monday's Blade to the effect that the C. & O. ferry ha da hole knocked in her hull by the ice Sunday afternoon and was laid up for repairs for several hours is untrue. The boat was simply run ashore to make some repairs under her guard, according to the captain.

Child Bitten By Bull Dog

A five year old child of August Englehardt of East Thirteenth street was painfully bitten by a bull dog Tuesday morning. The dog was the property of a man by the name of Austin. Word of the accident came to Chief Davidson who dispatched a policeman to put an end to the vicious canine.

THE MARKETS

Opening.

Wheat Dec. $1.19; May $1.11¾ July $1.02⅛.

Corn Dec. 63¼; May 67; July 67.

Oats Dec. 44½; May 45¾; July 43⅝.

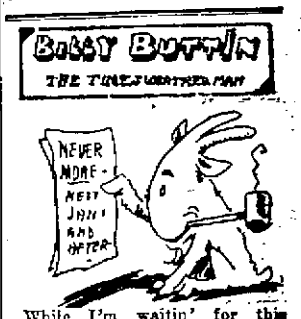
Close.

Wheat Dec. $1.18; May $1.10¾; July $1.01½; Sept. 97⅝.

Corn Dec. 62⅝; May 66½; July 66¼; Sept. 66⅜.

Oats Dec. 44¼; May 45½; July 43¼; Sept. 40¼.

Miss Lydia Wise of Thompson street, is visiting relatives at South Webster.



While I'm waitin' for this weather to clear up I'm puttin' in my time thinkin' up a good resolution to make next Saturday. But for a fellow whose daily walk is as well regulated as mine its a ticklin' hard job to find something to cut out. Th' foreman said to "resolve not to again resolve." (Gee! That's an old one—heard that when I was a kid, but I don't want any logs a' layin' across my path when I want to beat a retreat. But I guess you want some weather for tomorrow. Here it is:

Ohio.—Local snows tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy, local snows in north portion, continued cold.

West Va.—Local snows tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy, local snows in east portion, continued cold.

SIKES' LAWYER CLAIMS THE CLARK GANG WAS AFTER HIM

Side lights upon the bitterness of the factional warfare in the local Republican ranks are continually flashing out in the trial of former Probate Judge Frank L. Sikes upon an alleged charge of embezzlement, now in progress before Judge Blair and a jury in common pleas court.

In outlining the defense, former Congressman Bannon was most scathing in his arraignment of what he termed was "a political persecution rather than a prosecution."

Later when the state's chief witness, Thomas C. Beatty, present probate judge, was on the stand, Attorney Bannon attempted to show a collusion between Sikes' political foes in the Pailo Clark gang to encompass his ruin. Both Prosecutor Moulton and his assistant attorney in the case, Edgar G. Millar were continually upon their feet objecting to this line of questioning, and were sustained by Judge Blair. Not however, until Mr. Bannon had driven home some pretty hot shots against the Clark gang.

The situation grew exceedingly tense at times and the court and attorneys would find themselves all talking at once. The witness, Judge Beatty, would likewise chirp in, seeking to defend himself against aspersions and through the din could be heard the heavy mallet of Court Bailiff Baker trying to restore order.

Throughout it all, the defendant Judge Sikes would maintain the finest composure and with Attorney Harry W. Miller, associate counsel for the defense, he sat at their table, sorting out the books and papers of their thoroughly prepared defense.

In his outlines of the defense, Attorney Bannon set out the busy nature of the probate court and how it has only been within the last couple of years that the old fee system of paying salaries has been abolished. With it came the books and forms for prompt accounting each quarter, of all financeial transactions. The attorneys stated that while it was true a state examiner had found amounts not paid over to various parties by Judge Sikes, he at once made these amounts good just as soon as notified. This showed he had no intention of misappropriating a dollar.

The attorney referred to the report of the late Charles A. Kloeb, state examiner, and called attention to the fact that the examiner failed to find one item amounting to $38.75. This was not disclosed until a further examination made last week. The attorney stated that if an accountant, who made it his business to check up offices, would fail to find such an item, it would be possible for the officers themselves to make oversights.

"Some capital is made in this case," said Attorney Bannon, "because Judge Sikes deposited funds in his own name in banks. This practice has been followed by other officials," continued Mr. Bannon, "so why has Judge Sikes been made the scape goat in correcting this alleged evil?" This drew forth Mr. Bannon's statement that this is more of a **persecution that a prosecution, and despite Mr. Moulton's interruption he concluded by saying:**

"We propose to show that this whole matter is more in consonance with the inquisitions practiced in Russia, than in an enlightened state like Ohio."

Judge Blair admonished the defendant's attorney to stick closer to the case but Mr. Bannon insisted that he was within his rights in stating what he fully expected to prove. However he modified his further utterances along this line.

Probate Judge Beatty was the state's first witness and he came into court lugging the civil and criminal dockets and the cash books as far back as 1903. Judge Beatty was slow and deliberate in answering the queries from the records. In turn, he was asked to refer to criminal cases beginning October 7, 1903. These were some dozen or more cases referring chiefly to criminal business and the fines and costs in all probably aggregated the amount of this indictment, $2145.22. In most cases the entry on the cash book showed that the payments to former Sheriff Ketter for his fees and of the fine and costs into the county treasury were made this year subsequent to Examiner Kloeb's report.

Upon cross examination, Attorney Bannon got the witness, Beatty, to admit that he was the go-between for Sikes and Ketter, between whom there was bad feeling in the matter of paying these fees to Ketter.

The first serious clash came when the prosecutor questioned Beatty about an item of $38.75, collected in a criminal case of the state against Harry Wilson, heard on July 11, 1907.

Attorneys Bannon and Miller were on their feet in an instant, charging that this item was not contained in the bill of particulars of the indictment. The court said it could go in anyhow, and the prosecutor insisted that it was competent. Attorney Bannon claimed that the grand jury had not passed on this item and had not presented Judge Sikes for trial upon it. He made a veiled charge of bad faith upon the prosecution's part, and openly stated that the state was falling down on its case, and was now trying to draw in outside matters to make a case. Judge Blair cut short some little personalities exchanged between the attorneys and the evidence went in subject to exceptions.

The direct examination of Judge Beatty lasted over an hour and he was subjected to a cross examination almost as long.

Attorney Bannon went over each item with the witness and had Judge Beatty to admit that not a one of the entries displayed any attempt at concealment. Also that Judge Sikes paid over each and every sum noted, when requested to do so. He had the witness to further admit the complex duties of the office, the frequent interruptions and also that a probate judge must depend on his deputies to keep up his records and other work.

Thus far the witness and the defense got on finely but the fireworks were reserved for the last half hour of the session.

Attorney Bannon asked Judge Beatty if it were not a fact that he and Prosecutors Moulton and Millar belong to what is known as the gang faction of the local Republican party.

A concerted objection went up from the prosecutors and it was sustained, despite Attorney Bannon's insistence that he had a right to show all probable motives for any prosecution.

Attorney Bannon then in turn tried to get before the jury the well known bitterness of the primary fight between Beatty and Sikes last year, and also the feeling engendered. This was all ruled out and exceptions noted by Mr. Bannon.

Judge Beatty, as witness, wanted to voluntarily disclaim any personal feeling in this inquiry but Judge Blair was growing warm himself and thundered forth:

"Gentlemen, you will have to try this case upon its merits alone and the court is not going to allow any thrashing out of any political troubles here."

Attorney Bannon took a new tack. He refreshed Judge Beatty's memory to the fact that the defendant Sikes, while probate judge, had required the witness, Beatty, who was then administrator of the Lee T. Beatty estate, to add in the inventory $367.35, which Beatty, as administrator, had omitted. Instantly a bedlam broke loose with the witness and the state's attorneys, Mr. Bannon, the court and bailiff with his trusty gavel all joining in.

When quiet was restored, Judge Blair said the witness would not have to answer, Mr. Bannon persisted and stated that he could produce his authorities for such a question being proper. Judge Blair sent out the jury and listened to the arguments of the counsel briefly upon the point and still ruled out the question, to which ruling Attorney Bannon entered his exceptions.

Mr. Bannon, subject to repeated objections, made Judge Beatty admit that the prosecutor had taken the Scioto county probate court books to Columbus for a further investigation by some one last week and that Judge Beatty went along with him. Also, that Prosecutors Moulton and Millar, Auditor Tynes and Judge Beatty himself had been closeted together nearly all last Sunday looking over the books and that the prosecutor and others of the Clark political gang had been looking over the volumes frequently by day and several nights seeking evidence to entrap their political foe. The purport of this was to show an alleged conspiracy of Judge Sikes' political enemies to encompass his ruin, and considerable of the testimony got to the jury in that light.

It was past 5:30 o'clock Monday evening when court was adjourned. In all the state has about 30 witnesses subpoenaed and the defense thus far has only three. Indications were that the case would consume the greater part of the week. The list of witnesses so far summoned is as follows:

For the state: Fred N. Tynes, Thomas C. Beatty, Emmett McKeown, M. P. Thompson, Wm. Tumbleson, Joseph Donovan, Henry W. Herr, William Tipton, D. B. Webster, Dan W. Conroy, William J. Glass, C. M. Searl, George E. Krieger, John McMullen, W. B. Richardson, N. W. Evans, E. C. Hood, Lorian George, Luey E. Graham, Sam Hopkins, H. S. Grimes, Augustus Kehrer, Phil M. Streich, N. D. Gilliland, W. H. Rush, Harry Ball, Joseph T. Micklethwait, T. A. Bannan, A. B. McBride, Mary E. Kronk, Rudolph Knautz, Henry Hans, Jackson Cropper.

For the defense: Dr. A. E. Sanders of Cincinnati, Harry Ball and George M. Osborn, city.

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HOW LANG LOST OUT ON SUIT OF CLOTHES

John Lang, passenger car inspector, who meets every train that pulls into the N. & W. depot, lost out on a suit of clothes Monday, just at a time when a prominent temperance man was in the mood to hand him an order for a nifty outfit, and thereby hangs a tale.

An air inspector, one who is compelled to tar hot boxes or crawl under a train in order to test the air or put on a coupling tube, would not wear any broadcloth or even creased trousers while in the performance of his duties. What he wants is overalls and a jumper, or if they are not handy he will don anything that will hold together, regardless of holes or rents.

Well, to make a long story short, Mr. Lang had just completed testing the air on the Columbus passenger train and the day being frigid sought the rays of the heat that emanated from the big coal heater in the baggage room. He admits himself that his clothes were more "holy than righteous," and he was fairly shaking from cold. He really presented a sight that might move a tender-hearted fellow to pity, and when this temperance worker dropped into the baggage room, his attention was at once directed to Mr. Lang, who, by the way, is one of the best paid men in the service of the N. & W., and who could buy a new suit of clothes every month and not miss the money.

The heart of the temperance worker went out to Mr. Lang, and he asked him if it wasn't pretty chilly to be traveling around in this kind of weather without a warm suit. Lang took the cue and admitted that it was, but stated that he had given his all to his family for Christmas.

"Well, what would you do if I gave you a check for a new suit?" asked the temperance worker.

"I'd buy something to cheer the inner man," replied Lang.

"That being the case," said the good Samaritan, "you can shiver until you fall to pieces."

And then everybody, including Lang, and excepting the temperance worker, roared with laughter. It was later explained to the temperance worker that Lang had suits at a home, owned by himself, to give away. The kind-hearted gentleman was also informed that Lang was an air inspector and it wouldn't do for him to come to work looking like a dandy. The temperance man then joined in the laughter, until a passenger train came in and drowned the noise of the merry crowd, and Lang gave a practical demonstration as to why he wore those garments that encased his jolly frame.

Y. M. C. A. Men Busy Aiding the Helpless

Secretary Ridout and his assistants at the Y. M. C. A. are busy attending the wants of the railway employes who are ill and who are finding it pretty rough sailing right at present. Numerous baskets loaded with provisions have been sent out to railroaders who are unable to work on account of illness and many persons are being fed without charge from the kitchen of the Y. M. C. A. A plan will be inaugurated to keep track of all the persons fed at the Y. M. C. A. It is thought a record will be established during the present period of unusually hard weather.

Storm Bound At Vanceburg

The family of Dr. J. D. Hendrickson, West Fourth street physician, is weather bound at Vanceburg. The doctor's wife and children had been visiting over Christmas with relatives at Vanceburg and were to have come home Monday, but owing to the condition of the river, which is gorged with ice and expected to freeze over at any moment, it was thought best for them to remain where they are until the weather opens up a bit.

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New Agent Due On Thursday

John E. Sands, the new agent for the B. and O. S. W. in this city will arrive in the city Thursday to take up his new duties. Former Agent Stanley Hopkins, while at present working for the Portsmouth Steel Co., in the capacity of shipping manager, is taking care of the B. and O. business until the new agent arrives.

Error Corrected.

By mistake, an article appeared in The Times of Monday night, stating that a meeting of members in the A. I. U. was called for Thursday night at their quarters in the Security Bank building. The item should have said a meeting for the degree staff.

Going On Full Force

The Smith and Nixon and Ebersole piano factories in Cincinnati will resume work in full the first of the year. R. P. Seiler, who handles these pianos exclusively was very much pleased indeed to receive the above good news.

Rubbers at Lehman's.

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Uncontrollable urination (especially at night), smarting, discolored water and all bladder misery ends.

The moment you suspect the slightest kidney or bladder disorder, or feel rheumatism pains, don't continue to be miserable or worried, but get a fifty-cent treatment of Pape's Diuretic from your druggist and start taking as directed, with the knowledge that there is no other medicine at any price made anywhere else in the world which is so harmless or will effect so thorough and prompt a cure.

This unusual preparation goes direct to the cause of trouble, distributing its cleansing, healing and vitalizing influence directly upon the organs and glands affected and completes the cure before you realize it.

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EXPRESS REGRET IN RESOLUTIONS

At the meeting of the Ministerial Association Monday resolutions of regret over the departure of Revs. G. R. Dye and J. D. Herron were adopted, Rev. J. N. Eason offering the former and Rev. C. S. Robertson the latter. They were:

Whereas, the Rev. Geo. R. Dye has labored faithfully and successfully for the past year in this city, greatly endearing himself, not only to his own people but also to the Christian community, and to this Ministerial Association.

Therefore be is resolved, That we express to Brother Dye our appreciation of his brotherly spirit and his earnest endeavors for the Kingdom of Righteousness, and while we will miss him as a fellow worker and especially his congenial presence from our Monday morning meetings, we will still be interested in him and pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father to be richly upon him in his new field of labor.

"Learning with much regret of the departure from Portsmouth in the near future of the Dean of our Ministerial Association, therefore as a formal expression of our sense of loss in the separation from a brother indeed.

Be it resolved, That we assure the Rev. J. D. Herron we will sorely miss his genial presence from our common fraternity.

That we will cherish grateful memories of his brotherliness, of his scholarly papers, and of his chaste and uplifting influence.

That we bid him a hearty God speed and pray that our Father will lead him to the one Divinely chosen field of labor that is somewhere awaiting him.

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SAMUEL BEATTY TELLS OF POLICEMAN'S WOES

Samuel Beatty, who was a policeman during Mayor Glidden's administration, says the number of times a policeman is sent for or called over the phone for trivial causes and for no cause at all, is remarkable. Some people seem to think a policeman has unlimited authority; that he can arrest whom, when and where he pleases, with no warrant or writ, but simply because the one calling the officer desires the arrest to be made. Some of these cases are laughable, he says, but the great majority of them are exasperating to the officer, who knows his limits and refuses to arrest. When these calls for unwarranted arrests come from women, as it frequently does, the officer gets an awful tongue-lashing from the irate females. Mr. Beatty recalls a time when he and Arthur McFarland were called to the North End, with a telephone that left the impression on the minds of the officers that murder, arson and highway robbery were being pulled off, and they lost no time in getting there. The upshot of it was that a woman in a high state of excitement demanded, as one having authority, that the officers go into the house next door and arrest everybody in sight; they were not the right kind of people. The officers told her she won't have to go to the mayor's office and swear out a warrant; that they had no right to go into anybody's house without a writ. Then the woman went to pieces and gave the officers a great turning over, and the officers were glad to get out of range shot. If people would take the trouble to post themselves as to the duties and limitations of police officers there would be fewer police calls sent in. A policeman has no right to enter a house unless asked to do so by the occupants, unless they hear and see signs of violence and lawbreaking. Then they can go in of their own accord. No one can order a policeman to go into another man's house, no matter what is going on, unless he first goes to the mayor's office and obtains a writ. Many people seem to think a policeman is a kind of czar who can do as he pleases, go where he pleases and arrest whom he pleases without warrant.

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SOCIETY

Miss Lucy Secrest spent Christmas at her home in Concord, Ky.

Miss Esther Edwards of Columbus spent Christmas and Sunday here her former home as guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gabelman and brothers of this city spent Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gabelman of Waverly.

Prof. J. H. Cook of the Wheelersburg schools, is spending his vacation with Firman Smith of West Portsmouth.

Walter Smith of Springfield, O., is the guest of his parents of the West Side for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Reinhardt's Christmas day guests were their relatives as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reinhardt and Children Gladys and Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reinhardt and son Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynn.

Miss Nellie Lorberg of Charleston, W. Va., is spending the holidays here, at her East Fourth street home.

Henry J. Bennett of Columbus is in the city, as guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Coleman of Cincinnati, who were in the city visiting Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brandel, have returned to their home.

Gus Beckwith of Greenup, is visiting at the home of Sherd Henson, 138 Twelfth street.

Mr. D. A. McIntosh, who spent Christmas and Sunday with local friends, returned to Cleveland on Monday.

Miss Nell Losee has returned home after several months visit with her sister, Mrs. Ada McBride at Punxatawney, Pa., and Mr. McBride's parents in Washington City. Mr. McBride, Sr., is in a government department at Washington.

Attorney Mark A. Crawford is visiting friends and relatives in Washington C. H.

Miss Anna Ball, who has been visiting at the home of her mother on East Third street, returned Monday to her home in Covington, Ky.

Miss Mary Berry was wedded to Mr. John R. Detty, of Youngstown, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. M. Eason, at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Messrs. Roy and Ralph West of Sunsonville are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins of 62 East Seventh street.

Mrs. John A. Grimes of East Second will be host at Thursday's meeting of the Scioto Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lawson have returned home to Huntington, W. Va., leaving Mr. and Mrs. Osa Dawson and their baby Charles of Lexington, Ky., to continue their visit at the home of Mrs. Dawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lawson, until Saturday.

Lieutenant Louis Robinson Dice of Fort Tatten, New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dice of West Second.

A native of this city, Mrs. Carrie Linck Kramer of Cincinnati has gone home at the end of a several days' Christmas-tide visit to her Portsmouth relatives.

Midst lovely Yule-tide decorations Miss Maud Anderson entertained with a delightful holiday Kensington Monday afternoon complimentary to her cousin, Miss Vere Crawford of Geneva, Switzerland, sister of Miss Vere, Miss Ethel Wolfe of Cattettsburg, Ky., Miss Martha Jones of Zanesville, who is visiting Miss Ruth Ferguson and Portsmouth girls home from college to spend Christmas vacation. Needle work engaged the attention of most of the company of guests who in their exquisite toilet presented a beautiful picture of fair and lovely young womanhood. In serving Christmas-tide menu, the charming hostess was aided most capably by her sister, Miss Annie Anderson, who will give a party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Crawford. In an entertaining guessing contest, the prize was won by Miss Alice Drew and was a pretty 1910 calendar. Calendars were also given to the guests of honor as souvenirs of the enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall entertained about twenty young people Monday evening in honor of Misses Marjorie Hibbs, Josephine Lacey, Winifred Maxon of Los Angeles, Cal., guests of Miss Mary York and Miss Elizabeth Watkins, a niece of Mrs. Hall. The chief pastimes were cards and impromptu dancing to piano music. A two course hot Christmas luncheon was served by the host assisted by Mrs. Hall's mother and sister, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. J. L. Watkins.

Mrs. Lorin Yost of Troy, formerly of Sciotoville, is visiting her sick foster father, Mr. Charles Ehrlich and her cousins, Judge and Mrs. F. L. Sikes of Sciotoville.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Selby's visitors, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Moody and son Bert have returned home to Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Higgins of South Point, are visiting Portsmouth relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Higgins and family and Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Edwards and family.

Miss Emma Goeller of Glover street visited her sister Mrs. Otto Grimshaw of Columbus during Yule-tide season.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilhelm of Fifth avenue, had as Christmas guests Mrs. W. D. Edwards and daughters Misses Irene and Esther of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Barry of this city.

Mrs. George Davis of East Second, has received a message telling of the arrival of a son at the home of her relatives Mr. and Mrs. Fred Connolley of Columbus. Mr. Connolley is a native of this city.

Miss Emma Tracy, teacher at the Columbus Institution for the blind, is spending holiday vacation at her home in this city.

Messrs. Howard Harsha, Evan Williams and Howard Harsha are at home for Christmas vacation from their studies at Ann Arbor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson's baby has been christened by Rev. J. D. Herron. The sponsors were Mr. Dawson's mother and sister, Mrs. James Dawson and Miss Vinnie Dawson.

On Monday evening the following group participated in a winter picnic at the Selby outing place, Poplar Lodge: Messrs. G. D. Selby and sons, Messrs. Pearl, Mark, Homer and Roger Selby, Messrs. B. H. Dillon, W. H. Schwartz, James A. Hagar, Rev. G. W. Grimes, Rev. G. L. Davis of Tokio, Japan, and Mrs. John Watterson, superintendent of the Selby shoe factory. Like the members of the Tibet club this coterie of men prepared their own menu, and declare that they also ate it with a relish, made keen by the auto trip thither in the winter air. They furthermore state that they performed that always dread task of "washing the dishes."

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen had as Christmas visitors Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and little daughter, Helen of Cincinnati.

Mr. George Staten of Columbus spent Christmas and Sunday at his home in this city.

Mrs. F. S. Bagy's Christmas party for her music pupils has been deferred from Friday instead of Wednesday afternoon at her home, 273 East Second.

The Home League club will hold the regular meeting Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday at the home of Mrs. E. C. McCoy. The regular program will precede a passing party and refreshments. The change is made on account of the musicale to be given by Mesdames P. E. Selby and Harley Marcennette on Thursday afternoon at the Selby home.

Misses Winetta Stewart and Mary Lancaster entertained the Progress club in Christmas session Monday evening at the home of Miss Stewart, 1109 Offnere street. The program preceding a Christmas repast was as follows: "Other literatures are great plants covered with odorous flowers. Dutch literature is a little tree loaded with fruit."

Dutch Music and Literature. General Discussion.

Piano Music, Miss Millie Prediger.

Current Events, Mrs. Rosanelle Huber.

A guest of honor was a former member of the club Mrs. Herbert Shumway of Columbus, who is visiting Portsmouth relatives.

The winter picnic and election of officers will be held January 10th at Federation parlors on Court street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Edelson of Ironton were guests of Mrs. Edelson's parents in this city.

Mrs. F. L. Sikes of Sciotoville was dinner guest of Miss Alice Duduit Tuesday.

The Art Circle will participate in a bunquet followed by watch night party, Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker, with the husbands of club matrons as guests.

The Ladies' Musical will give the first post holiday recital, next Monday afternoon at All Saints Chapel.

Mrs. William Goelker of West Eighth had as Christmas guest her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Schaeffer of Huntington, W. Va.

The Wednesday club will be entertained in this week's regular session at the home of Mrs. R. O. LeBaron.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Trenthart and family had as Yule-tide guests their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Johnson and Miss Maude Trenthart of Bluefield, W. Va.

Misses Antoinette and Grace Cline are at home from Huntington, W. Va., where they visited relatives.

Mr. William Ricker of New York City was Christmas guest of his mother and sister Mrs. L. M. Ricker and daughter, Mrs. C. M. Hartley, and Misses Amanda and Effie Watson of this city, and Mrs. J. V. Wright of Cincinnati were Christmas-tide guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Watson of Ironton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimmer and daughter, Marjorie, entertained with a six o'clock dinner at their home on East Eleventh street. Those surrounded the board were as follows: The above mentioned family, Mrs. John Trimmer, mother of Mr. Trimmer; Mr. J. Harvey Trimmer, who is spending the holidays with home folks; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trimmer, a bride and groom; Misses Orpha and Bessie Knapp, of Powellsville, and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. N. Brown and daughter, Hazel. Music was the feature of the evening and all had a splendid time returning to their homes at a very late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Horr, of Glover street, had as yuletide guests their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Horr, of this city, and Master Robert Johnson, of Frost, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pring, of Cristobal, Panama, are visiting Mrs. Pring's mother, Mrs. Josephine McClain, of this city.

Mrs. U. S. Curnutte and children, Burr and Pearl, are guests of Mrs. Curnutte's mother, Mrs. William Beam, of Huntington, W. Va.

Dr. Frank Fee, of Cincinnati, was yuletide guest at the home of his brother, Mr. W. R. Fee, of East Fourth.

The Woman's Literary club held the holiday session Monday afternoon at Woman's club parlors. The program follows:

"The Psychalological Novel," Mrs. Frank T. McClure.

"The Shuttle," a critique looker, Mrs. Charles Rowe.

Piano solo, "The Fifth Nocturne," Mrs. Ruth B. Ferguson.

"Elizabeth Browning," selections, Mrs. Cornelia B. Trenthart and Mrs. Carrie Baley.

"Kaleidoscope," Miss Margaret Firmstone, Mrs. Mary Cotton and Mrs. Ella Locke.

January 7th is the date of the next regular meeting, when the annual election will take place.

Miss Anna Ball, of Covington, Ky., is visiting relatives here, her native place.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Grimes and Mr. Mark Selby will entertain at dinner Tuesday evening at their home on East Fourth street, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, of Tokio, Japan, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rardin, a local bride and groom, all relatives of Mr. Selby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Newman, of 479 Robinson avenue, had as Christmastide visitors Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKee, of South Point.

Mrs. Frances McCoha will have as dinner guests Wednesday her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke and family of four children, Regina, Clifford, Walter, Jr., and Mary Catharine, and Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson and family of five children, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Horr and son Robert are visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Frost, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Litchfield, who have been visiting Mrs. Litchfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, have returned home to Cincinnati. Other guests at the McCoy home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, of Ironton.

Misses Mary Brownstead and Mary Hunter, of Ironton, have joined Miss Rowena Rhodes' holiday house party.

Mr. Henry Hall came home from Cincinnati, leaving Mrs. Hall to continue her visit to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey Hall, of Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lee Cross, of Cleveland, who recently returned returned from their bridal trip east, are visiting Mrs. Cross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peebles.

Messrs. Elmer Tracy and T. C. Blackburn, of Rome, visited here Christmas day.

Dr. and Mrs. R. O. LeBaron will be hosts of the New Year's meeting of Portsmouth Reading club next Monday evening.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. J. Rardin will entertain for the pleasure of her bride daughter-in-law, Mrs. Earl Rardin, and also complimentary to her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Davis, of Tokio, Japan.

A yuletide nuptial event of Tuesday was a wedding in which the principals were Miss Nellie Wilhelmina Bender, of this city, a blonde of exceedingly pleasing personality and many other admirable qualifications which make her a prime favorite with a large circle of friends, and Mr. C. L. Smith, of Ironton, a well known cement contractor, an ambitious young man of exemplary habits and justly popular. The ceremony was said at St. Mary's church by Mgr. Louis A. Nonnen. The girlish bride was indeed lovely in her wedding dress, a modish going-away gown of brown broadcloth, with hat and gloves en suit.

The matron of honor and groomsman were Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby. She being a very intimate friend of the bride since school days. The church ceremony preceded an elegant three-course dinner at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Eva Booth, of West Second street, where the bride has made her home since childhood.

The happy couple left on the N. & W. for Hammond, Ind., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edward Warfield, and from there will go to Columbus, where they will reside during the session of the legislature, Mr. Smith being identified with that body. Many valuable wedding gifts from relatives and friends proves the high esteem in which both bride and groom are held. At the close of the legislative session they will go to Ironton to reside. Congratulations are in order.

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TIME FOR ACTION.

The report of the postmaster shows the loss to the government in operating the mails and distributing them has now reached the enormous total of over seventeen million dollars. The gross loss on handling magazines is $64,000,000, newspapers $4,000,000 and third class $3,000,000 while the rural delivery shows a deficit of $28,000,000. There is no business sense in allowing such a condition to exist and very little justice. The government has the power to fix postage rates and it should set them at such figures as would make the mail service pay its way, even if it is not expedient to make a profit thereupon. It is evident the cost of the service is unwise apportioned evenly among those who use its advantages, since whereas the gross deficit on the cost of carrying certain classes of matter reaches near a hundred million dollars the actual loss on the whole service is less than one-fifth of that amount. Obviously the thing to do is to change this condition by raising the rates on those classes of matter, which are carried at a loss. Magazines should be made to pay postage at least heavy enough to meet the cost of carriage and so should newspapers. Above all things the special privilege these latter now enjoy of being carried free in the counties of their publication be taken away from them. It would not be equitable or wise to place greater charge upon the rural service or curtail it. Through the operation of the tariff the heavier burdens of supporting the government fall upon the farmer and in the rural delivery he is only getting back a small portion of the excess he pays.

No matter, however, as to what difference of view may exist as to the manner of wiping out the deficit, there ought to be unanimous agreement in consent that action should be taken at once to that end.

A COMMON IMPULSE.

Portsmouth merchants were supplied with bigger and better Christmas stocks, this season, than they were before and never did they enjoy anything approaching the same generous patronage. It was a pleasant combination and The Times is glad to record it. It is strange, though, how many that business was so much better this year than last, for instance, to course, if you put this fall to any one he will tell you times are a whole lot better and so people are able to buy more. That is quite a conclusive answer, if it were true which it is not. There is some revival of manufacturing activity over a year ago, but not enough to mark the wonderful increase in business. An explanation is the change is rather founded on theory than on condition, in so far as its presence is concerned. People are not particularly better off than they were at Christmas 1908, they are only more hopeful. There was not substantial reason for the sudden descent of the panic upon us in 1907 and there is no particular reason for confidence to rout it and usurp its place. We all just feel times are going to be better and we bring about the improved state by just feeling it is going to be. We spend our money more easy and as long as money circulates quickly there can be no hard times. In other words, the basis of commercial and manufacturing life is cash and confidence. If confidence is strong cash moves out in the open leaving credit to keep place in its stead, but when confidence gets alarmed cash immediately begins hiding in dark, secret places and trouble comes thick and fast. The year 1907 should have been one of the brightest years in the history of the United States, instead of the darkest, it should have been as good as 1910 promises to be. Factories were humming, crops were large and prices therefor profitable, but not exorbitant, but confidence fled and clouds gathered.

The year 1909 was better than 1907 or 1908, because confidence was beginning to come back and 1910, nothwithstanding abnormally high prices for all food stuffs, and a lack in abundant crops, is going to be a banner year because confidence is fully returned. Showing just as The Times has maintained all along the country is too rich and productive to have any hard times, if she just will not think them.

THE PROMISE FAIR.

There is a general air of optimism in the air, more people are buying homes and all the people are spending money more freely. These are the sure signs that Portsmouth is entering upon another era of splendid growth, because they are founded upon just basis, the general betterment of conditions and greater activities and enlargements in local industries. It may be set down as the law, that what everybody feels and sees is bound to come true. Work and enterprise will be plentiful in Portsmouth in the year so near its dawn and she will take a long step forward towards her destined place as the metropolis of the Ohio valley between Pittsburg and Cincinnati.

ONE OF THE SIGNS.

Portsmouth has sold not only more, but better goods this holiday season than she ever sold before in like period. This was not alone because she was more prosperous herself, but because she drew trade from a larger territory more generally. As a market town she stands supreme in this section and more and more is she becoming the recognized selling center, which shows she has not only merchants with enterprise to meet growing demand, but with the acumen to anticipate them.

And this reminds us of an observation made by the manager of a great journal, known all over the country, when shown some copies of The Times within the month he said: "Yes, that is a great paper, a wonderful paper, but it is too far ahead of its time." He may know a good paper but he does not know Portsmouth. The fame of the town has not fully spread out to the world. It appreciates neither her importance nor her splendid growth and future. The Times supply has to keep ahead of her or get run over. It prefers not to be better, but is satisfied with its town and proud of it too. It likes to feel it is one of the agencies that is pushing forward in the upbuilding of the town and so has right to share in the reward and glory of its prosperity, it wants to share in the work and the burden, not alone to pluck the ripe fruit, but to plant the trees that grow the seed and plant it and cultivate it to ripe fruit.

We sincerely hope your Christmas was a merry one.

AN EMPTY STOCKING.

Bobbie Meyers and Bonnie Baglin and some other "kids" in a certain game we might mention, do not believe much in Santa Claus. They held a little confab just before Christmas and they all resolved to ask just one thing, a little white dove to coo the boss and the insurgent mass to dwell again in peace together. They all hung up their stockings so there would be no chance of the generous old gentleman missing them entirely, but the next morning every one was found empty.

It is said, but neither Santa, nor anyone else, for that matter, seems to take them seriously. The trouble with these youths at the game political is they are using soft pedal methods, where nothing but clubs should be in vogue to produce effect. Either the boss has got to be clubbed loose or the mutineers will be clubbed into submission by the boss. And this lends us to the hint that some well meaning "gents" are breeding scabs for themselves.

THE STORM CENTER.

The primaries and conventions due for next year, are months off, but the politicians and papers have already begun to talk of their probable result. As usual the Tenth congressional district is coming in for the most attention and unfavorable at that. We believe this is one of the chief reasons why southern Illinois is held at large in such poor regard. Opinion of us takes color from our politics and it must be confessed these are altogether vile. Perhaps they are not much more corrupt than they are in all other parts of the state, and we do not think they are, but our misfortune is to make them so turbulent as to over give us the center of the stage, thus making us most conspicuous. That all comes, however, of having more bosses and vendettas to the square acre than any other section. There is always a bloody row brewing, making outsiders think we have no other enterprise than office and its spoils. It is a happy thought however, that with the bosses constantly a-fighting between themselves, they are now pretty much like the Kilkenny cats, utterly destructive of each other, and soon something like peace will be with us. Certain it is anyway, that the bosses are weakening and the masses of the party strengthening in independence, which betokens more quietude and consequent gain in esteem abroad.

We see it was quite the fashion with towns this Christmas to make it a blessed one to their poor. It is a fashion that ought to never go out of fashion.

Well, it was a white Christmas, at last, and we can't see for the life of us, why any grown sensible person would want more than one in a life time.

Really there is a good deal in this thing of being remembered and it does not make much difference what the gift is either. Does it, now?

GEO. BULLOCH TAKES BRIDE ON XMAS DAY

The Times tip on the approaching nuptials of George Bulloch and Miss Minnie Cole, proved correct, for the popular young couple were wedded at the home of the bride on the West Side, on Christmas day, and are now in Cincinnati on their honeymoon trip.

The groom is one of the most popular young men in the East End, holding a responsible position with the East End Furniture Co. His bonny bride is equally popular among her acquaintances and will make her husband a deserving helpmate.

The groom would like awfully well to know where the secret leaked out. He states that he confided in only two people, the preacher and his employer. The preacher declares that he didn't let the cat out of the bag, while his boss declares with equal positiveness that he guarded that secret with the closeness of his life. It's take your choice.

LITTLE ONES ARE GIVEN SHOES BY MAYOR

Safety Director James P. Brennan and Police Clerk C. C. Yeazel were busy Monday removing clothing, provisions, etc., from the supply depot to the police station. These will be assorted and later distributed. All day little boys and girls thronged the front room of the mayor's office waiting to be supplied with shoes and stockings.

Married on Christmas Day

Christmas-tide nuptials include the wedding of Mr. Zeco T. Brammer and Miss Jennie Dorff, both of this city, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dorff, brother and sister-in-law of the bride. Rev. James M. Eason officiated last Friday evening in the presence of only the immediate relatives and friends. Congratulations were followed by refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I desire to hereby announce to the public that I have opened offices at Nos. 26 and 27 Turley building, Cor. 2nd and Chillicothe Sts., this city, for the purpose of engaging in the general practice of the law. Will be associated in office suite with Mr. Jas. S. Thomas.

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Catharine, the winsome little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flood, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is improving nicely, and the attending physician has pronounced her out of danger. She has been a pretty sick child, her fever reaching 105 several times during her illness.

Good shoes for little money at Lehmann's.

DIRECTORS AT IRONTON

Mayor Golden of Ironton, will appoint James M. Howell director of public service and Dr. T. Van Dupuy, director of public safety.

Mr. Coriell Is Remembered

Mr. Coriell's children of the Hinde, last night received a fine basket of fruit as a Christmas gift from W. V. Stimmons, business manager of that paper.

She Saw "Santa," Then Death Came

The death of Thelma, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodley of Cincinnati, mentioned in Monday's Times, was very sudden. She had been ill with pneumonia, but was believed to be doing nicely. On Christmas morning little Thelma sat up in bed and rapturously gazed upon the presents Santa Claus had brought to her.

"Good bye, Santa, come again next year," she said as weakness caused to fall back upon the pillows. In less than an hour "Santa" had indeed come again for Thelma, for her heart suddenly failed and her spirit winged its flight Heavenward.

The remains having been brought to Portsmouth Sunday noon, the funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Mrs. George Tilton of East Seventh street. Many friends of the sorrowing parents were in attendance at the funeral.

Capt. A. Wolfe of Catlettsburg, is the guest of his brother, Pete Wolfe, Enquirer man and manager of the Majestic bowling alleys.

One Pill

Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills, gently laxative, all vegetable. He knows why they act directly on the liver. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

It is impossible to be well, simply impossible, if the bowels are constipated. Waste products, poisonous substances, must be removed from the body at least once each day, or there will be trouble. The dose of Ayer's Pills is small, only one pill at bedtime. All vegetable.

After Christmas Has Come and Gone

Perhaps you will find that some one has been over-looked in the distribution of gifts on this occasion, and that you will want to remember them with something nice, a little later on.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A NICE PRESENT LIKE LADIES TAILOR MADE SUIT, LONG COAT, FURS, ONE PIECE DRESSES, SKIRT, WAIST, JACKET OR NICE PETTICOAT. ANY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Don't forget the substantial saving that you make when you buy at this store. That 15 or 20 per cent might just as well remain in your own pockets, as to go to the profits of some other dealer. You can make this saving on any of the above lines as well as

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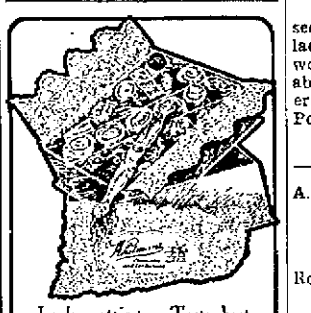

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That is just what we have here—one to which you can come for anything in the druggist's line and not be disappointed.

A great stock?

Yes; ten thousand and one different articles. Some are called for fifty times a day; others once or twice a year.

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Proprietary medicines of all kinds. Toilet and sanitary articles in great abundance and variety.

All prescriptions filled with accuracy by graduate pharmacists of long experience.

WIN NYE
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Eyes For Business

GOOD EYES require our services in many cases for preservation.
BAD EYES demand our attention for sake of good vision.
A SUGGESTION
A pair of glasses can be purchased now and lenses or mountings changed by the one to whom they are given, after Christmas

Williams & Bagby
Mfg. Opticians,
617 Chillicothe Street.
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The Advertisers are Eager to Sell—So they Offer Values so Big and Prices so Low that the Readers are Eager to Buy. A Square Deal and a Quick Deal for You in the Market Place of the Munnimakers. Profit for the Seller, and Advantage for The Buyer.

Did You Receive Money for Xmas

If so, why not invest it in a nice piece of Jewelry, something that will last you for a life time.

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J. F. CARR, Jeweler and Optician,
Chillicothe and Gallia Streets.

MASONIC

Mt. Vernon Chapter will meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, for work in the Past and Most Excellent Degrees.

WANTED.

WANTED—A girl for general house work. 1413 High St. 28-3

WANTED—A nurse girl not under 17. Must be experienced and sleep at home. Highest wages paid. Apply to Mrs. F A. Jacobs, 602 Union street. 26-tf

WANTED—Shoe fitters with experience. One lop stitcher, one Luskin folder and two strap stitchers. Apply to Lloyd-Adams Co. 28-3

WANTED—A girl for general house work. No washing or ironing. Call Simon Iaboid, 63 West Fourth street. 28-tf

WANTED— Coal range or cook stove. Phone Y 821. 27-3

WANTED—Girl for general house work. J. F. Bickett, 14 West Ninth. 27-2

WANTED—Two bright women for an unusually fine money making proposition. Address X care Times. 27-2

WANTED—Girl at 69 West Fifth street. 13-tf

WANTED— Moving to do by the largest van in the city J. S. Cooper, 612 Gallia, new phone X 1225. 13eod-tf

"THE ONLY COMPANY THAT INSURES LIVES AND GUARDS THEM AGAINST DISEASE.

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WANTED—Good girl for general house work, either white or colored. Apply to Mrs. Harvey Dorff, 30 West Second. 24-3

WANTED—25 laborers at once, by The Portsmouth Steel Co.

EVERYTHING FROM SHINGLE TO BUILDING.

We supply and sell and buy all sorts of timber and lumber. We also handle roofing, American Gypsum Co., Dry Color Paint and Varnish. E. M. Funk, 129 East Twelfth, Phones, Home 1224, Bell 211 tf

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Sky lights for sale Can be used for hotbeds. Frank Stanton, Ninth and Gay, Home telephone 374. 28-3W2

FOR SALE—A good handmade sleigh, price $8.00. Call Home phone X 707. 28-2

FOR SALE—Cook stove, No. 8 Buckeye. Will sell cheap. 1612 Dewey avenue. 27-3

FOR SALE—A good heating stove. Inquire at Klingman's, 129 West Second. 27-3

FOR SALE—Stereotype mats, better than paper for putting under carpets. Times office.

FOR SALE—Cheap new Underwood typewriter. 14 inch carriage. Call 3705 Home phone 21-tf

FOR SALE—Now is the time to buy Second Hand Autos. I have taken in several on the sale of new cars. Come quick if you want one. W. J. Friel, 20-tf

FOR SALE—Prize chickens, Orpington and White Wyandottes, both hens and cock birds. Scores from 93½ to 94½. Cheap if sold at once. Inquire of A. H. Englehard, 1309 Union St., or 'phone Y 1160. 24-6

FOR SALE—My farm of 230 acres on Harrisonville, Munns Run Pike, six miles from Portsmouth. Call on or address J. C. Bainer Portsmouth R. F. D. No. 2. 27-6

FOR SALE—One seven drawer and one five drawer drop head sewing machine. Call at Swickert's grocery. 14-tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five room flat $6.00 per month on Sciato street. See J. M. Wendelken, Home phone 2 on 1293. 29-3

FOR RENT—Furnished front room with gas, bath and phone. For one or two gentlemen or man and wife at 43 East Fourth street. Home phone B 647. 28-3

FOR RENT— 4 rooms downstairs at 23 East Fourth street. Apply at 43 Gallia. 28-2

FOR RENT—Fine large, furnished front room, with private bath, suitable for two gentlemen. Mrs. John A. Grimes, 128 East Second street. 28-tf

FOR RENT— Furnished room Inquire 33 East Second. 28-5

FOR RENT— Furnished front room for one or two gentlemen or man and wife. 142 Gallia. 18-tf

FOR RENT— Desirable flat. Inquire Fred Klingman, 129 West Second. 27-3

LOST.

LOST—Half grown setter pup, white and tan ticked. Return to R. M. Kellar, N. and W. round house and receive reward. 27-tf

LOST—Pearl Rosary on Chillicothe, Gallia or Postoffice. Call Home phone B 880 or No. 7, to receive reward. 28-3

LOST—White Belt with hand painted belt pin on Gallia or East Seventh above Offnere. Call B 1066 for reward. 1t

LOST—Silver beaded purse between Hibbs Hardware Co. and Grimes avenue, containing post-office box key and small change Return to Hibbs and receive reward. 27-2

LOST—Mink fur neck scarf on Washington, between Fifth and Eighth. Return to Alberta Maier Eighth and Washington. 27-tf

LOST—3yd old rose soisette on Chillicothe street, Friday night Return to 592 East Sixth street or call new phone X 1162 and get reward. 28-2

FOUND—Boys' black fur gloves. Owner can have same by calling at 127 East Second. 27-2

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NOTICE

Special sale on X-mas jewelry. Just received big line of high grade bracelets worth from $8.50, $7.50, holiday sale $4.98. Prices reduced on all other jewelry 75 to 50 per cent.

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Second and Washington.

PRINTERS TO BANQUET

Every member of the Printers Union of this city has received an invitation to be present at a supper to be given this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walker, 334 East Seventh street. Mr. Walker, who was married but recently, is an honored member of the local I. T. U., and no doubt practically all the members will be on hand early to partake of the nuptial banquet. Printers, as a rule, are pretty tolerably fair eaters, and Mr. Walker and his good wife, knowing this will doubtless prepare a bountiful spread.

MANY NEED CLOTHING

All day Tuesday the mayor's office was filled with ill-clad youngsters, eager to take advantage of the mayor's offers to give them better clothes. Clerk Yeuzel was kept busy most of the day providing the children with the clothing and underwear which the mayor has collected and placed in the office for the disposal of the needy.

BUY, SELL OR TRADE.

Property of every description. If you have property to sell we will buy it. If you want to buy, we will sell. Office over The Central National Bank. Entrance No. 15 Gallia Street. Home phone No. 668. Bell No. 395 W.
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FINDS CHILDREN FREEZING IN LOFT

The timely discovery of two little children in the loft of a stable on Fourteenth street near Waller street, Monday at midnight, by Chief Davidson and two of his officers, doubtless saved the little tots from freezing to death and will result in them being sent to some institution where they will be properly cared for.

The children, one 5 and the other 6 years of age, are the offsprings of Mrs. Sarah Bloomfield, whose husband was killed in a mine explosion in West Virginia some years ago. Since that time the mother has been eking out an existence as best she can, but of late has been without work, and was compelled to seek a barn loft as a home.

The chief had by the merest accident learned of the plight of the family and the night being extremely cold he stated he could not go home without knowing the children had been properly cared for. When he arrived at their improvised home he climbed up and there found the two children asleep on a piece of comfort that had been spread upon the floor. They had an old piece of carpet as a covering for their little bodies, and were huddled close together in order to keep as warm as possible.

They were stiff from cold, and the chief believes had their plight not been discovered they would have been dead before morning. There was not the semblance of a fire in the loft, and several boards were torn off, allowing a frigid draught to sweep through the place. The chief and one of the officers wrapped the children in their overcoats and took them to the home of a kind hearted neighbor, who fed them and put them to bed.

The mother was not at home in the meantime, and according to Chief Davidson she cares but little for the children and is indifferent as to their fate. The case has been turned over to Humane Officer Harry Ball, who will take the matter up in the hopes that a suitable home will be provided for the children. Chief Davidson states that in all his experience with poor people he never came across a case that excited so much pity.

CHURCH PLANS TO PAY DEBT

The members of the Christian church, corner of Third and Gay streets, have hit upon a scheme, which they hope will result in liquidating the heavy debt that has been hanging over the congregation for some years. The scheme was evolved in the rapidly thinking brain of the pastor, and will fail only should the members not do their portion toward raising a certain sum by February first.

According to the pastor, the church owes almost $13,000, and should the congregation raise $1200 by the first of February, a certain gentleman has agreed to give enough to make the sum reach $4000. That will bring the debt down to $9000, and this has been provided for, through G. W. Muckley, president of the Christian church extension fund of Kansas City.

When Mr. Muckley was here last Sunday he agreed to loan the congregation $9000 at 4 per cent interest, payable in annual installments, allowing the congregation five years to repay the loan. The congregation has accepted the proposition, although it was with the understanding that they were to pay off the $4000 indebtedness by the first of February, should this be done then the Church Extension Fund will loan the $9000.

At present the congregation is paying 7 per cent on a large loan and the difference in interest will prove a big item. Rev. Meacham stated Wednesday morning that a committee would shortly be named, whose business it would be to make a canvas among citizens not members of the congregation, and if possible the contract would be fulfilled at this end of the line. The members will be asked to do their part, and not a cent will be asked on the outside if it is at all possible to raise sufficient funds inside the portals of the church.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Carey L. Smith, contractor of Ironton and Nellie Wilhelmina Bendel, city. Rev. A. Nonnen.

Thomas Benson, 22, waiter, city, born at Tripoli, Greece and Clara Burchane, 21, shoe worker, city Rev. Harvard.

Walter A. Crabtree, 21, clerk, and Elsie M. Allison, 23, shoe worker, both of this city. Rev. Atkinson. Married Dec. 25.

James T. Ratcliff, 22, brakeman, Tongs, Ky., and Flora McNeill, 23 city. Rev. Meacham. Married on Dec. 23.

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Springfield, Dec. 28.—The Ohio Hotel Clerks' Association Monday afternoon approved of the recommendations of W. C. Crooks of Dayton, that the dead beat laws should be amended, and an effort will be made to have this done by the legislature this winter, making hotel beating a felony. These officers were elected: President, Frank Weaver, Dayton; vice president, B. Frank Warner, Chillicothe; secretary, F. M. Hopkins, Toledo; treasurer, Chris Geiner, Toledo; sergeant-at-arms, G. W. Tyler, Piqua; trustees, George M. Kline, Cincinnati; Walter C. Crooks, Dayton; C. H. Miller, Cincinnati; H. L. Ferguson, Portsmouth, and F. J. Keating, Springfield.

Columbus and other cities asked for the next meeting, but this was referred to a committee. A national association will be organized.

JEWETT CASE POSTPONED

Squire Byron returned home, Monday evening, where he went to defend Frank Farmer of this city and Arthur Jewett of Henley, who had been arrested on the charge of trespassing preferred by Joel Jewett of Henley, who by the way is a nephew of Arthur Jewett. The case was to have been heard before Squire Al Cooper of Henley, but was postponed until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, owing to the fact that the squire demanded a jury trial. This was granted and the case will be bitterly contested. The young men, it has been stated at various times, were arrested for shooting quail out of season. This is not true, as their alleged offense consisted in hunting on a farm belonging to the prosecutor.

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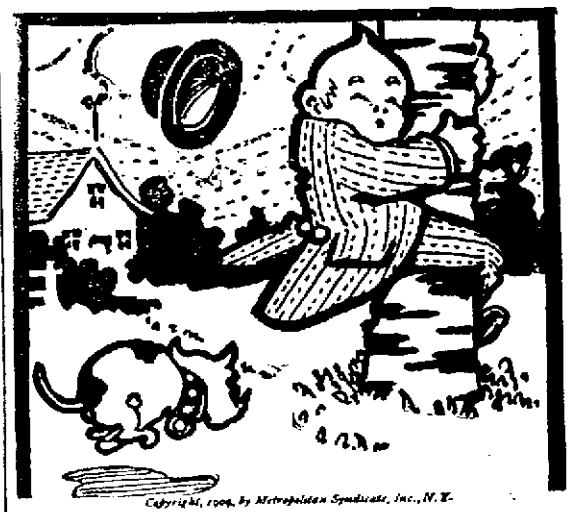

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DEAR MR. MUNNIMAKER,
Care The Times Classified Columns:

Through a little Munnimaker Classified Ad in The Times, I sold three suits.

Yours truly,
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Write Mr. Munnimaker, care of The Times, or telephone him, whenever you want anything.

NOTES ON AGRICULTURE

Post Thyself During the Winter Months on How To Plant That Garden Next Spring.

CARING FOR HARNESS.

How it Should be Cleaned and Hung Up.

Harness should always, when practicable, be cleaned while fresh from the animal, warm with its body heat, to obtain best results; except on washing days when it does not matter. If it comes in wet it must be "handled" until dry and supple, using sparingly some pure oil, neatsfoot for choice, if it really be neatsfoot, which is often a question in these days of "just as good," says the Indiana Farmer. When simply cleaning the harness, it should be hung at a suitable height, brushed over to dislodge dust or caked dirt, the stitching and loops, and under and around the buckles receiving close attention, and this should be followed by a soft cloth, always well shaken from time to time.

The harness should then be "gone over" passing each part through the hands limbering it as it goes, insuring perfect inspection, and giving special attention to any spot needing it. Then some of the standard "compositions" may be lightly applied, according to directions, the stuff well rubbed in, and any debris cleared away, and the set of single harness will be gone over perfectly in 20 minutes; pairs and fours relatively longer.

In steady use, or when the harness comes in very wet and dirty, it should be well washed every week. As a rule a tub is filled with water just having the chill barely taken off, not in the least "tepid" or "warm," in which has been dissolved a half pound of white castile soap, neatly shaved previously, pouring boiling water on it, stirring occasionally until it sets in a clear, translucent jelly. This is dumped into the tub of water and mixed at once. The harness is taken apart and all placed in the tub except, of course, the saddles and padded parts.

Take the harness from the tub, rinse well in several tepid waters and hang to drain in moderately warm room. There should always be a small oil stove around the harness, wherever it is kept, not only for cleaning days, but for the constantly recurring wet and dense humid days, when moisture will search in through almost anything, producing mildew and a small army of kindred ills. As the harness dries it should be constantly worked, handled, supplied, looking for congestion and dispersing it, especially at all points of contact, tugs, buckles, loops etc. This must be done continuously so that when the harness is really dry it is ready to absorb the "composition" which must be well worked "into" the grain of the leather. It is worse than useless to simply smear it on and brush it off. It is the grain food, the tissue food, which must be kneaded into the leather.

Japan Guards Against Paper Famine.

The Japanese also have looked over the contents of their industrial stores and have decided that something must be done toward conserving their remaining supplies of raw material for paper making.

In Japan paper is used for almost everything from the silver-figured partitions of the Buddhist temple to the rude but walls of the laborer; from the silklike vestments of the priest down to the rain-roof shield of the traveler. In fact, the ingenuity of the Japanese is only matched by the varieties of uses to which paper may be adapted.

The work of the United States Government toward determining the amount of paper materials used and the source of future supply, is being followed by the Japanese, according to an advice from U. S. Consul John H. Snodgrass, at Kobe. The imminence of the danger is apparent from the fact that the Japanese authorities have requested the paper mills department of the Mitsu Bishi Kaisha to take over some 7,500 acres of the bamboo forests of Formosa.

It is known that the bamboo tree has been the raw material from which the Japanese have recently made the larger portion of their paper products; so it is thought that, by introducing the improved methods of forest cultivation and harvesting, this tract of woods will furnish yearly 10,000,000 bamboos, for conversion into paper pulp.

No matter whether the paper company will establish its mills in Formosa or ship the bamboo to Japan in a partly finished state, the development of this new source of raw material will be of high importance and may overcome the necessity of the Island Empire looking to foreign countries for the future supply of paper pulp.

If every farmer went into raising pigs for sale there would be no sale. But the man whose neighbors have sold out almost entirely, who has cheap feeds on hand for which there would be no market, and who has plenty of suitable shelter, ought to make a good profit by raising young pigs for sale. Every man must figure out the proposition for himself, bearing the fact in mind, particularly, that there must be some prospect of sale in his locality in order to warrant his going into the business. This article is intended simply to suggest this practically new line of business which may be profitably taken up by some this year.

No man ever fell in love with a suffragist. When you find a suffragist married her husband fell in love with her before she became a suffragist.

Educating the Porker.

"There are only a few trained pigs in this country, but the scarcity of porcine talent is not due to lack of intelligence, as many persons are inclined to think, but to their pure cussedness," says a veteran pig trainer. "A pig is not only smart, but, as any farmer who has tried to drive a number of them down a road or from one pen into another will tell you, they have also a fair amount of intuition. They know instinctively what you want them to do, even before you give the order, and they bend every effort toward defeating you. Perhaps it is the very contrariness of their nature that makes them so interesting for me to teach. I have trained all kinds of animals, but I would rather train a pig than any of the others.

"Pigs are nowise ignorant as they appear. Take a little fellow of three or four weeks and a puppy of the same age, and the porker will be 'way up in the fourth or fifth grade of his educational process before the puppy is out of the primary class. I have known pigs intimately for 20 years, but I have yet to see one lonely for human companionship. They rather like to be petted and sometimes they grunt appreciatively, but they never come jumping up into your lap or nosing about begging for a pat on the head.

"One of the first things to impress upon an amateur pig is that you will not under any circumstances run after him. Of course, you are to take care that the enclosure is not large, so that when he runs he will not be lost. Pay no attention to him whatever when he scrambles away. That will surprise him considerably and you have gained one point. Go on training the others, and after a while go quietly and get the runaway, and, two chances to one, he will stay this time, especially if there is some food in the reward."—Leslie's Weekly.

Protect the Toads.

Writing of Dr. C. F. Hodge, biologist of Clark University, who is shortly to publish an important work on bird life, a correspondent of the Boston "Transcript" says:

"What Burbank is to plant life, Dr. Hodge bids fair to become in bird life. He has already domesticated on his own premises the ruffed grouse and the bobwhite, with a view to ultimately adding them to the National list of domesticated species. When you consider that for 400 years not an animal has been thus added, his work assumes epoch-making importance. He believes that many most useful wild species may be domesticated, and thereby render incalculable service.

"The toad, for instance, the enemy of the slug, introduced by Calla Thaxter into her 'Island Garden' as its only salvation, is already half domesticated. With its voracious appetite for injurious insects—80 or more already listed in its dietary—the toad may lay claim to being a true philanthropist.

Dr. Hodge estimates that the school children of the United States—40,000,000 unused forces—if taught to utilize this one species, might save to their country nearly half the cost of their own education. As it is, the destruction of this useful species goes on unchecked—ignorance being the prolific cause of folly."

A Bank Note Curio.

"Yes, I collect queer bank notes," said the receiving teller. "I've been doing it for years. You know there are some very odd things written on bank notes sometimes." He pointed to a dollar bill hung in a frame of black oak on the wall. "Read that," he said. "And I've got queerer ones than that in my collection."

On the bank note was written in a feminine hand: "You have robbed me of all the rest, and of my soul also. May this burn your hand when you touch it. May all you buy with it be accursed. You have the last. Are you now satisfied? Murderer!"

The collector sighed sentimentally. "Think of the tragedy," he said, "that may lie hid behind those simple little phrases, eh?"—New York Press.

"The Intellectuals" is the name by which a number of commuters who travel daily between their summer homes and New York are known by their fellow travelers. They make what they call "a white horse pool" every morning. They sit with their faces close to the windows, looking for white horses along the line of the road. The man who guesses nearest to the number encountered gets the pool. The news of the day and other subjects which interest the ordinary mortal have no claim for them, and they seem to derive much entertainment from their style of gambling.—New York Tribune.

Italy has a graduated income tax as well as a direct tax on land and houses. Small incomes are exempt from taxation. The minister of finance estimates that the income tax for this year will amount to about $49,800,000, while the land tax will bring in $36,000,000.

Not That Kind.

"These pajamas are good stuff. You'll never wear them out."

"No. They're hardly suitable for street wear."—Cornell Widow.

Technical Objection.

"You may take the witness stand, madam," said the lawyer.

"Where is the stand, sir?" demanded the austere matron, adjusting her eyeglasses. "I see nothing but a chair."—Washington Star.

SIKES' CASE

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$525.37, and afterwards, on April 3, the sum of $107.19, the amounts from the Kountz, Cropper and Hans cases.

Attorney Bannon put Auditor Tynes somewhat ill at ease, in questioning him as to his interest and concern in this case. Auditor Tynes admitted with some heat that he had gone to the court house last Sunday with Prosecutor Moulton and Edgar Miller to look up the records to get evidence in the case. The auditor said it was no more than he would have done for defense's counsel had they so requested. Attorney Bannon rather pointedly observed that they had not put any of the court house officials to this trouble and then proceeded. He put the direct question to Auditor Tynes as to whether or not Judge Sikes at the present time owed Scioto county anything. Auditor Tynes replied that so far as he knew Judge Sikes does not.

Then the attorney asked if Scioto county owes Judge Sikes anything. The auditor said he knew of nothing. The attorney asked if Judge Sikes did not recover $100 in a suit against the county, and the auditor said he had no such record in the commissioners' minutes. Prosecutor Moulton objected to further questioning along this line and was sustained by the court.

The purpose of this inquiry was to show the judgment of $100 allowed to Sikes, for the typewriter used in his office, and which the commissioners fought so hard. Sikes' attorneys were attempting to show the feeling which this suit caused between various county officers and Sikes.

H. S. Grimes had been subpoenaed by the state to bring in his checks as administrator of the Rhoda Clark estate. A number of others who served in like capacities have been served with subpoenaes. An effort was made by the state to show that when Mr. Grimes, as administrator, paid Judge Sikes the costs, that the judge deposited the money in bank to his private account. Defense objected and was sustained by the court on the grounds that the bank officers would give best evidence as to Judge Sikes' alleged private deposits. If the court maintains this stand, a number of private citizens will be relieved from testifying against Sikes.

The last witness before the noon adjournment was J. C. Peckinbaugh, of Columbus. He is a deputy in the state bureau of public accounting, with especial supervision over county offices. He was brought down to verify the figures of the late examiner, Charles A. Kloeb, who died recently. This examination had not progressed far when the attorneys got into a heated argument over a law point. It was then the dinner hour and Judge Blair allowed the jury to go home while he passed upon the mooted point.

The state had questioned Examiner Peckinbaugh as to an item on the cash book for fees, where the receipt had not been entered in the proper column.

Attorney Bannon, for the defense, held that testimony to show lack of receipts for these payments is incompetent. For a reason, he read the statute making provision for the judge's cash book. It expressly provides for all entries, but has not a word to say as to how the funds shall be disbursed or accounted for. Judge Blair ruled that testimony of the omissions could go in, but it would only have weight when taken along with other evidence in these particulars, and not to be sufficient to show misappropriation. At this time court adjourned for dinner.

Dr. A. H. Sanders, of Cincinnati, was a witness in the Sikes case and gave his testimony at the opening of Tuesday afternoon's session. He was summoned by the defense but was allowed to testify out of order, so that he could return by next train.

Upon the stand, Dr. Sanders testified that he is connected with the Sattler Eye hospital and that he has charge of the records of their patients. He stated that in July and November, 1904, Judge Sikes was a patient there for ten days, each time for treatment of his eyes.

The specialist stated that Judge Sikes' eyes were then in a very bad condition and he was cautioned by the physicians to not use his eyes on his books at least for several weeks.

Upon a showing made Monday that Dr. Sanders could not come to the trial because of illness in his family, Attorney W. B. Grice was commissioned to go to Cincinnati to take his testimony. Dr. Sanders did not learn of this arrangement and as Attorney Grice left by the early train for Cincinnati Tuesday, he had his errand for nothing.

State Examiner Peckenbaugh went back on the stand after Dr. Sanders, and his direct examination was resumed. The state went further into the items of the Kloeb report and finally had it all admitted as evidence. Defense objected to admission of the evidence as to the items not contained in the bill of particulars of the indictment, but the court allowed the report to go in complete.

Upon cross-examination Attorney Bannon developed that Mr. Peckenbaugh's department regularly employs 40 examiners and that their duties are to inspect and supervise the work in all public offices, and to prescribe the books to be used. It was admitted that considerable difficulty ensued in getting the new salary law into operation.

Attorney Bannon asked the witness what percentage of offices made mistakes, but the question was not allowed to be answered. Mr. Peckinbaugh stated that he arrived here Sunday and was engaged with Prosecutors Moulton and Miller, Auditor Tynes and Judge Beatty in looking over Sikes' records. He further stated that he spent the greater part of Monday at the same employment. He does not ordinarily go out to make examinations or to testify, but came here because of the death of Examiner Kloeb. Answering a query, he stated that his department does not have anything to do with prosecutions. Mr. Moulton objected to the question and answer, and afterward got witness to admit the reports of shortages are always sent from his department to the prosecutors.

Attorney Bannon took up the Kloeb report, which covers 48 typewritten pages, and witness found that about 13 pages were devoted to findings against the probate judges' office. In turn he found the amounts which Judge Sikes was said to be owing the county. They ranged from $102.21 to the $100 error in addition. In each instance, Examiner Kloeb had noted that "when Judge Sikes' attention was call to these matters, he promptly made payment."

Attorney Bannon questioned the witness as to Examiner Kloeb's ability and found that he was a careful inspector. However, Mr. Peckinbaugh admitted that from the records it was shown that he had overlooked two different items that should have been in his report. These items were $18.75 and $35.85, and were paid up by Sikes after the report.

Attorney Bannon questioned Mr. Peckinbaugh if it were not a fact that, at the time of the salary law went into effect, the probate judges differed in their opinion as to whether or not they were separately entitled to fees in lunacy cases and the yearly birth and death records. Prosecutor Moulton objected and the court refused to allow the witness to answer. Mr. Peckinbaugh finished his testimony shortly before 3 o'clock, in time to return to Columbus on the afternoon train.

Mrs. Mary Kronk, administrator of the J. C. Kronk estate, was the next witness. She testified as to paying Judge Sikes $70.85 fees in this case shortly before his term of office expired. After Judge Beatty went into office she got another notice from probate court to come in and pay the same amount. On cross-examination she testified that she was not required to make a second payment, since Judge Dever, the attorney in the case, and Judges Sikes and Beatty had a settlement of the matter. It appeared that Judge Sikes gave Judge Dever his $40 fee and for $5 for Attorney Sprague on the day Mrs. Kronk paid over the money. The balance had not been paid over to the county until Judge Sikes' attention was called to it.

Judge Beatty was recalled and testified substantially to the same effect. Upon cross-examination the defense scored a good point, when Judge Beatty admitted a conversation in which Sikes said "that there would likely be some little mistakes and oversights appear, and that he (Judge Sikes) wanted to make all such oversights good."

George E. Kricker, cashier of the Central National bank, was placed upon the stand by the state to show deposits made by Judge Sikes during the interval covered by the indictment. He had brought in no books and while he admitted Judge Sikes had an account with his bank, it would entail considerable time and trouble to hunt out Sikes' deposit slips.

Defendant's attorneys objected strenuously to this testimony and Judge Blair was disposed to uphold the objection, but finally ordered the deposit slips brought in. It developed that the prosecutor had obtained a certified list of these checks for the grand jury, but defense's counsel insisted upon the originals. A delay was occasioned, while the prosecutor made up the list of deposit slips he would require. Officers of the First National bank are also in attendance as witnesses for the state.

Robinson Fined For Train Riding

Late Tuesday afternoon 'Yank' Robinson pleaded guilty to the charge of train riding, preferred by Officer Rickey and was assessed a fine of $1 and costs by Squire Byron. The trial came off at the county jail.

Robinson will be released on a $100 bond signed by his father on the charge of assault and battery which will be heard by the probate court later in the week.

J. H. Williams Pleads Guilty

J. H. Williams, construction boss on the N. & W. at Henley who was arrested by Officer Rickey on the ground that he refused to obey an order to come to the detectives assistance in the latter's trouble with "Yank" Robinson, pleaded guilty before Judge Beatty Tuesday afternoon and was fined $5.00 and costs.

Is Burned By Gas Explosion

John H. Francisco, an Ironton contractor, well known here, was burned about the face and eyes by a gas explosion.

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Pazo Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

MEN'S CLASS TO GIVE A SOCIAL

On Thursday evening the men's class of the First Christian Sunday school will hold an informal social in the church. It will be a "Brotherhood" affair and all the members of the Brotherhood Bible class, together with their friends are cordially invited to attend. This gathering of the men is for good fellowship, for exchanging the season's greetings for rehearsal of songs, for planning new and large things for the Brotherhood during 1910. It will be purely an informal affair and so easy and delightful, every man will be made happy, who attends. Each man who comes is asked to bring three apples, three oranges, three bananas, etc., or one pound as this is to be a "Fruit and nut social." Let each member of the class bring a gentleman friend not a member. Come early. Stay as late as you like. All men young, old, tall, short, lean, fat, married, single, all, come. A genuine good time is assured.

Mayor Is to Hear Troubles

The case in police court of Lafe Vincent vs. Henry Canter, both employees of the Interstate Transfer Co. was postponed until Thursday morning, when Mayor Searcy will give them a hearing. Vincent claims that Henry Canter used some epithets in speaking of him and wants Canter brought to justice. Canter has charge of a like nature against Vincent.

Harper Was Show "Angel"

A Kentuckian named J. H. Harper acted as "angel" for a show called "Two Married Men." It stranded at Chillicothe and Harper is out his $400 bank roll.

Are Reaping Their Harvest

The blacksmiths in this city are now reaping their harvest. Every shop in the city is filled with horses that are being "roughed up" owing to the slippery condition of the streets.

PROMOTED TO CONDUCTOR

J. W. Adams, who for some time has been acting in the capacity of yard master for the N. & W. at Waverly, has been promoted to the position of freight conductor on the Columbus division, and left, Monday evening on his initial trip. He will be compelled to learn the road, as the saying is, in railroad circles, owing to the new double tracking that is being used between this point and Columbus.

K. of P.'s Have A Big Debate

A highly entertaining debate was held by members of Magnolia lodge K. of P.'s at their hall on Monday night. The subject for the debate was "Resolved, That Lee was a greater general than Grant." The affirmative side was handled in splendid style by L. W. Ford, a visitor from Lowell, Mass., Edward Brahmer and John Turner. Messrs. Frank Pratt, Charles Debo and Ralph Johnson defended the negative and by their masterly efforts succeeded in winning the decision of the judges. The judicial body was composed of William Blankemeyer, Edward Knauss and Albert Patten.

The word battle of the orators was a hard fought one and proved entertaining to a high degree. A splendid crowd of Knights was present and a fine time was had.

Next Monday night the subject "Resolved, That a country boy is greater in the city than a city boy is in the country" will be debated. It is expected to be both funny and entertaining and all K. of P.'s are urged to be present. The debators will be Wm. Blankemeyer, Charles Knauss, John Patton and Phillip Pfau.

OFFICERS OF BOHEMIANS ELECTED

At an enthusiastic meeting of members of the Bohemian club in their fine new quarters in the Distel building, Monday night, the following excellent staff of officers were elected for the year 1910:

President, William Bradley; vice president, J. Bishop; treasurer, C. Haus; financial secretary, Clifford Burke; recording secretary, Charles Puckett, and guard, George Appler.

C. Graham, B. Hart and E. Kirby were chosen as the board of trustees.

The affairs of the Bohemian club are in fine shape and the organization promises to enter in on an era of prosperity in 1910 that will smash all records.

Coasting on Offnere Hill

The Offnere street hill is literally black with children, who are enjoying the fine coasting. There have been numerous collisions, but so far no one has been injured. The hill is as smooth as glass, and it is impossible for a horse to secure footing and the hill is passed up by sleighing parties.

Baby Dies At Sciotoville

A ten months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beloat, prominent residents of Sciotoville died of pneumonia, Monday evening. The remains will be interred at Wheelersburg, Wednesday.

FINE BILL AT MAJESTIC

The Majestic's show for the first half of the week is a high class article of vaudeville and pleased two fine audiences Monday night.

Easily the feature of the five big acts of the show are the two Pirris, equilibrists, who are wonderfully entertaining and who scored a tremendous hit by their marvelous skill, Monday evening.

C. J. Barnes and his minstrels were good, likewise the comedy singing and dancing of Doyle and Fields. The vaudeville offering is rounded out with 2,000 feet of interesting Majestiscope.

Taken Sick At Church

Miss Edna Disselrath is seriously ill at her home on East Ninth street, threatened with a nervous breakdown. While attending services at Holy Redeemer church last Sunday she fainted and had to be removed to her home, where she has been confined ever since.

Bowlers Are To Start Up Wednesday

After a week of cessation of hostilities, the six teams of the Peerless Bowling League will meet in battle array, Wednesday evening. The Heidlebergs will meet the Acmes on the former's alleys, the Majestics and Masons will roll at the Majestic alleys, while the Eagles will tackle the All Stars on the Acme alleys. It is nearing the end of the schedule and the race for second honors is growing exciting.

The Heidlebergs have a lead of three games on their nearest rivals, the All Stars and hope to maintain said lead until the finish, although it is generally thought they have their work cut out for them.

The Majestics and Eagles are fighting hard for third place, while the Masons and Acmes are vieing with each other for the cellar championship, with the chances decidedly in favor of the last named bunch.

Is Injured By Jump

Engineer J. K. Colley of the N. & W., is laid up at his home on East Eighth street, the result of a sprained ankle he received when he jumped from a swiftly moving engine at the Terminals, Monday evening. Engineer Colley had failed to take into consideration the slippery condition of the ground and his foot turned under him. At first it was thought his leg had been broken, but fortunately this proved false.

MRS. BYBEE OPERATED ON TODAY

At her home on West Seventh street, Mrs. Burt Bybee underwent an operation of a very serious nature Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bybee had been sick only a few weeks, but her condition became so serious Monday that it was decided an operation was necessary for her recovery.

Drs. Schirmann and Williams performed the operation which was in every way successful.

ROBINSON IS TO FIGHT CHARGE

Friends of "Yank" Robinson, the North End young man who was up in an encounter with Detective Oscar Rickey, have collected a purse to employ an attorney, W. R. Sprague, to look after "Yank's" defense on the charge of assault preferred by Rickey. The case will be heard Wednesday in probate court.

The charge of train riding will be heard at the jail Tuesday afternoon before Squire Byron.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Junior Society of the German Evangelical society will have its Christmas exercises Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the church. There will be a program and refreshments. The children are invited to bring their mothers and friends.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Some Pointers That If Followed Will Add a Smile To The Face of Hubby and Father.

To Make Candy Fondant.

Fondant is the basis of all good candies and it is easily made. In making candy at home it is advisable to prepare a little at a time. Two cups of granulated sugar and one-half cup of water, placed in a saucepan and cooked until it threads, is the simple means of making this fondant dough. It must not be disturbed during the process of cooking, nor must it be too rapidly cooked. As it decreases in bulk, little granules of sugar will adhere to the sides of the pan; wipe them off with a cloth on a knife blade. Test by putting a teaspoonful of syrup in ice cold water. When it forms a thick wax, pour it out upon a buttered plate, add flavor and coloring, if the latter is called, and sprinkle over the top one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. This makes it form, prevents it from returning to sugar and lightens the candy. Beat it with a silver fork until it forms a white creamy mass, then dip the finger tips into butter, take up the candy and work it as you would pie dough. If it crumbles, it has cooked too long and it is useless to attempt candy making with it. If it is like dough, it can be kept in a wet cloth for several days and made into cubes, balls and other shapes as desired. Do not use too much coloring. After one has learned the rudiments of making fondant, finer candies can be made by the addition of citron, chopped raisins, currants, orange peel and the like. Candied cherries, almonds, English walnuts, dates, figs, pecans and peanuts are used to fill candy balls or decorate fancy shaped pieces. Freshly popped corn, if run through a food chopper and mixed with ground peanuts, is very dainty when covered with brown fudge. Put the nuts and pop corn in a greased pan, pour the fudge over it and leave until it is almost cold, then score with a heavy knife. When cold it can be broken into squares. A good candy for a present is made of fondant in which chopped raisins, currants and English walnuts are mixed, the latter broken and not powdered.

Have You a Hand Mirror?

Perhaps there is not a home in the universe where there is not a mirror—if women are inmates of the household, you may rest assured there are mirrors from sizes in which they can see themselves from head to foot, down to little hand mirrors which will reveal an eruption on the chin. But sometimes one wonders of what use these mirrors are, especially the hand mirrors, when a woman runs forth and the left side of her collar extends about one to one and one-half inches above the right side. The next woman who comes along will show the first two or three buttons fastened down the back of a thin waist, then two at the lower edge, while the gaping space reveals a corset cover, and often the flesh. The next woman saunters by with the hooks off her skirt placket. If you ever sit in the rear of a church and the audience is requested to stand, just watch the women when they rise. One would never suppose their dear minds were on the sermon or the singing, for the ones who are not fussing with love locks or loose hairpins are adjusting the belt or trying to fasten the dress placket. It doesn't look nice and it would not be necessary if these hurry-up women would take the time to use the hand mirror. Only a few days ago an elegantly attired woman entered a street car and laid her fat, plump hands in her lap, revealing jewels that would keep some of you your natural lifetime. But the manner in which she was sitting revealed a white lace petticoat on which the lace was dirty and decidedly ragged. Before her sat a wash woman dressed in plain, simple garments, the pink of clean perfection. Always have good shoes, gloves, a presentable dress and hat. When you go from home don these articles as carefully as you can. Take up a hand mirror and convince yourself that your garments are properly hooked, buttoned and neatly placed.

Small Fur Articles.

A patch of fur, some lace, a ribbon or two, and you have a stylish neck ruff. An abundance of black satin ribbon is used this season in this capacity, and it is either shirred and pleated, filled in with a shirring of finest black tulle and edged or bound through the center with a strip of fine fur. By no means are these ruffs inexpensive, for the material is the very finest, and whether made or purchased ready to don, the small neck fixture is as expensive as it is beautiful. One recently seen was fashioned of white satin, white tulle and ermine. It was quite large and was made to fit closely to the throat. Flat stoles are worn with coats, having a military air.

A Good Breakfast Dish.

Break three eggs into a bowl and beat them light with the egg beater. Stir into the egg one-half cup of finely shredded dried beef, one cup of fresh milk and two rolled crackers; season to taste. In the frying pan put a tablespoonful of butter and one-half teaspoonful of lard. Let it get very hot, then pour in the mixture and stir constantly until it is done. It should not be allowed to get too hard or brown. When eggs are scarce, this makes a very appetizing breakfast omelette.

Removing Ink Stains.

It is a very easy matter to remove ink spots from white material, but many become discouraged because the first application of some reliable ink remover fails to bring good results. The finest material, such as mousseline, cambric and longcloth, hold stains much longer than a cheaper fabric, for which reason it is necessary to apply stronger solutions. Pure household ammonia will remove ink from a handkerchief, table cover or any white article which does not contain silk or a color. Put the article in an earthen wash bowl, pour ammonia over the ink and leave it for 15 or 20 minutes; take it out of the bowl, wring out the ammonia, wipe the bowl and renew the process; then wash with lukewarm water. Peroxide of hydrogen, applied alternately with ammonia and dried in the sun, will remove very bad blemishes. Lemon juice can be applied to white silk, and should it be a silk with a blue mark, the lemon will not injure the color, but it would fade practically any other color than blue. A very thin white Paris muslin dress was splashed with the entire contents of an ink bottle, but the owner immediately put the dress into a crock of sour buttermilk and let it soak over night. While the blemishes were not entirely obliterated, and it was necessary to soak the dress in fresh buttermilk for several hours more, it finally came out pure and white and the entire dress bleached by the process. Ink marks on velvet carpet can be removed with warm skimmed milk. Scrub the carpet the same as with water and, when dry, wash the spot with benzine to remove the greasy appearance. Salt will absorb ink from a table cover and prevent it from spreading, but it is not a reliable agent for the removal of bad stains. Pure cider vinegar, oxalic acid, cream of tartar, a weak solution of muriatic acid or javelle water can be depended upon to remove all black ink stains. Ammonia will weaken red ink stains, which should afterwards be treated with borax and then washed in a foil suds. When these powerful ink eradicators are used, it is absolutely necessary to thoroughly rinse the articles in several waters.

Making Coffee.

The secret of good coffee is an immaculately clean coffee pot, fresh boiling water and good material. It is better to pay a little more for your coffee and use less in quantity than would be necessary in the cheaper grades. The coffee pot should be thoroughly washed and scalded after every meal and coffee never allowed to stand in it. If it gets discolored, put a little baking soda in it once a week or so, fill with cold water and let it come to the boiling point. Take care that the spout and strainer are perfectly cleaned. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Unlike most cooking utensils, which do better work when their newness has worn off, a coffee pot is better when new, whether made of tin, graniteware, nickel or aluminum. Many good housekeepers advocate frequent renewals from the 10-cent store, discarding the old coffee pots as soon as they become discolored and strong. These are better in the end than the most expensive coffee percolator that is not kept immaculate. The time-honored rule for making coffee is a tablespoonful for each person and one for the pot. Put the coffee in the clean pot, pour in a few spoonfuls of cold water to wet it, add a clean, freshly broken egg shell if you have it, or a teaspoonful of the white of egg, pour on the boiling water and let it just come to the boil. Take away from the fire, give a second shake or stir the grounds down, then replace and let it come again just to the boil. Do this three times in succession, then push back on the stove to settle and clear. Some persons prefer to make the coffee by the cold-water method. In this case cover the coffee with the required amount of cold water, allow it to reach the boiling point, then proceed as before. The coffee must not be allowed to boil hard, but merely reach the boiling point each time. If not perfectly clear when ready to serve pour in a tablespoonful of cold water.

The Young Housekeeper.

The one reason why some young women do not learn to do their own cooking is because they consider it beneath the dignity of a lady to do so. It is a very foolish thought and, even if it were true, it would be very uncomplimentary to real ladies who prefer the management of their own culinary apartments. We know that most woman of great means employ cooks, because their social position demands a great deal of their time, but it is a well known fact that many women in the wealthiest families make their own cakes, sauces, puddings and the fancy dishes which grace the tables at their most elaborate buffet functions. There is nothing degrading in the work; in fact, it is a discredit to the woman who says she can not prepare a meal. It may never be necessary for a woman to do her own kitchen work, but it is advisable that she should know the rudiments of the art, for if a woman is left without a maid, the man of the house must become a modern Robinson Crusoe in his own home, and prepare his own meals or take the family to a restaurant.

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RICKEY TELLS OF TROUBLE

N. & W. Detective Oscar Rickey, Tuesday, gave his version of the trouble he had in arresting Yank Robinson, Jr., last Friday, which culminated in a crowd of men and boys attacking the officer. Mr. Rickey said:

"I have had a warrant for Robinson for two weeks, charging him with train riding on December 5th. He was on train No. 32 on December 24th in an intoxicated condition. I walked up to Robinson, who was standing and said to him, 'Will, sit down there, I want to talk to you.'

"He replied, 'If you want to talk to me, you've got to talk standing up.'

"'I've got a warrant for you,' I said to him and he said 'Let's see it.'

"I then run my hand in my pocket for the warrant, when he struck me in the face, saying as he did so, 'You — — — — —, you can't serve it.' He then ran towards the front of the coach, where I caught up with him and we fought to a finish. He struck me and I struck him. Finally I threw him and put the handcuffs on him. I took Robinson off the train at the passenger station, took him into the ticket office and made him sit down on the floor. I remained there probably 20 minutes, then started for a street car. I was prevented from boarding a car at Ninth and Waller streets by a crowd of people, who demanded the release of Robinson. I crossed Ninth street to Dr. Williams' yard to get away from the bunch that had congregated there. Officer McCarty came along and I asked him to hold the crowd back. He said he would and I started down Ninth street with Robinson. When a few rods down Ninth street I was struck on the arm and shoulder by some hard substance, also on my foot.

"At Ninth and Findlay streets the crowd had overtaken me and I went into Amberg's grocery and asked them to telephone for the police. The first officer to come to my aid was Chief Davidson. I told him of the trouble, of having a warrant for Robinson and asked him to assist me. He did so and we started down Ninth street. We had gone but a few steps when we met Sheriff Gilfillen, Chief Davidson stepped at that point and went after the crowd that was making threats, while Sheriff Gillen and myself walked to the jail with Robinson. At no time did I draw a pistol, except when in the street near Miller's drug store. I considered that my duty at that time, to save myself from serious injury and to keep my prisoner from being taken from me. I did not beat up the man Robinson, as he claims, while I had him in the N. & W. ticket office. The whole fight occurred on the train."

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Collections Were Large

Special collections in the various churches and Sunday schools Sunday were very large. In the Trinity Sunday school the collection amounted to $106, while the same kind of collection in the Christian church was $351.47.

RHEINHERT HAS DECIDED TO REST UP

John Rheinhert, better known as "Nick," who has been engaged in freight and package hauling for a number of years, sprung a surprise on his friends Monday by disposing of his business, horse and dray to his nephew, Nicholas Rheinhert, Jr. Mr. Rheinhert will retire from active work while his nephew will assume the responsibilities of the hauling trade. Nicholas Rheinhert, Jr., until recently was an employee of the Standard Oil Co. plant in this city.

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Mrs. Wm. Gibson of Findlay street, is very poorly.

OLD ASSEMBLY MEMORY LIVES IN ELK DANCE

The original Wright Saxaphone orchestra of Columbus will furnish the music for the Elks holiday dance Monday, January 3rd, and it is understood that the dance is to be made the event of the year in "Elkdom." Every preparation is being made to bring it up to the scratch. The old "assembly" is now a thing of the past and the coming event inherits the mantle of that pleasantly remembered function and promises to be a very brilliant new year dance.

Prof. Stape Wright, the "Human Fog Horn," will be present with his band of merry making musicians and to any one who has ever danced to his music it will be welcome news.

Many visitors will be in the home of the Elks and they are all looking forward to a gala time.

S. OF V. CAMP IS TO MEET

There will be a special meeting of the Gen. Jacob H. Smith Camp, Sons of Veterans, at the home of the commander, at 43 East Seventh street, tomorrow, Wednesday evening. The meeting is called for important business of considering the delinquent list of camp and all members are urged to attend this meeting. Those knowing themselves to be delinquent in dues are especially urged to attend, as at this meeting final reports for the year to division headquarters are to be made out and suspended and drop list closed.

It is also expected to take in two new members at this meeting.

Has Essie Any Local Relation

The case of Essie McDaniels, an unfortunate girl, found adrift in Columbus, and who claims Portsmouth as her home, is attracting the attention of charitably disposed persons up there and they have written an urgent appeal to Rev. J. N. Hartinger, pastor of Trinity church, to have her relatives here located, if any, she have.

Anyone knowing of such relatives, the Rev. Mr. Hartinger will be pleased to have address him at 260 Gallia.

N. & W. Operators To Ask For An Increase

Along with the N. & W. trainmen and clerks, the N. & W. operators will ally themselves in an attempt to obtain from the company a 10 per cent increase in wages.

Words to this effect were given out by R. J. Watt, general chairman of the N. & W. division of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, to a Chillicothe N. & W. operator who gave out the above information to our representative, says the Chillicothe News-Advertiser.

The demand for a raise has been occasioned by an increase of business along the road, and if carried out will only affect operators working at what are known as "heavy posts," that is, operating stations where business is always heavy. The only "heavy posts" on the Scioto or local division of the N. & W. are Portsmouth, Circleville, Chillicothe and Columbus. If the demand for a raise is acceded to, of course, all telegraphers working at the above posts will be given a raise in salary.

This news will be pleasant to local N. & W. operators. Mr. Watt has spent quite a great deal of time studying conditions over the system and has been in the city several days. He is convinced that local operators as well as others at various points on the local division are deserving of a raise through the enormous increase of business, which they must look after.

This raise will be asked for at the next meeting of the N. & W. division of the O. R. T., to be held at Roanoke in January.

SOCIAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Haas, of Springfield, were Chistmas guests of Portsmouth relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Houston are at home from Wheeling, W. Va., where they visited relatives.

Miss Beatrice Nave, home from the O. W. U. to spend Christmas vacation, will give a holiday party Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hutchins are at home from Pittsburg where they visited relatives, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Franklin.

Holiday visitors here, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, of Huntington, W. Va., have returned home.

Mr. George Risley has returned from a visit to relatives at Columbus.

Mr. George Martin, of Huntington, W. Va., is spending a few days here in the interest of his work as unusually successful I. C. S. representative for this section.

All Saints Woman's Auxiliary has deferred meeting until January 4th, when Mrs. J. D. Bridges will be hostess.

Miss Margaret Haas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jacob Cahish, of Maysville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, of Columbus, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Marquette and daughter, of Cincinnati, paid a yuletide visit to Portsmouth relatives.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hauck entertained the Mizpah circle in Christmas session—a delightful occasion. Mrs. Hauck's niece, Miss Roberta Barlow, of Columbus ,was guest of honor.

Miss Mary Anderson and her nephew, Master Charles Frederick, are ill, Charles with measles.

Mrs. J. P. Caskey came home fro mAdams county to spend Christmas holidays.

A jolly party composed of the Misses Lottie and Edna Marsh, Charlotte Dodge, Mable Willis and Messrs. Charles Sutton and George Dean spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Marsh in South Webster. All report a fine time.

Improves From The Malaria

Ripley Mershon, a well known Market street young man, who has been seriously ill for the past six months with malaria, was reported somewhat improved Tuesday and his friends now look forward to his speedy recovery.

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Musicians Enjoy A Splendid Banquet

Prof. G. Mastrapaolo of the College of Music and about twenty of the members of the institution enjoyed a fine banquet at their quarters on Offnere street Monday evening. The banquet was given in honor of the director by his students, as a sort of Christmas celebration. After the dinner toasts were made to Director Mastrapaolo and Mr. Harmon, in behalf of the organization, presented the director a fine rocking chair. The professor responded, showing his appreciation for the gift and spoke of the bright prospects for the College of Music during the ensuing year. He is trying to perfect an orchestra and already has several good musicians on his staff. Those present at the banquet were: Signor G. Mastrapaolo, dean of the college; R. Loft, treasurer; Miss Helen Hudson, secretary; Mr. Grunniger, president; Mrs. Holman, Miss Pearl Loft, Harry Rockhold, Mr. Harmon, Miss Rockhold, Mr. Good, Jose DeLuca, Miss Ledora White, Miss Alice Maitre, Mr. Clemens and Thomas Curry.

The new Mastrapaolo orchestra made up of students in the Portsmouth College of Music will play at the Y. M. C. A. on New-year's day.

Is At Otway.

Charles Walsh, student at a Cincinnati dental college, is spending the yuletide with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh at Otway.

RIVER NEWS

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Heavy ice gorges are forming in the Ohio river from Pittsburg to below Cincinnati and serious damage is threatened to river property.

Gallipolis, O., Dec. 28.—The heaviest ice gorge between Pittsburg and Cincinnati formed yesterday at Sliding Hill Bend, 25 miles from here, which will take a 15-foot rise to start.

Heavy gorges have also formed in the Great Kanawha river, near Lock 11. Forty barges of coal at Ten Mile, owned by Marmet and Hatfield companies, are in danger when the gorge moves. The mouth of the Kanawha river is filled with docks, barges and steamboats, valued at nearly $1,000,000. A deep snow covers the valley, and should it go off with a rain, a big flood will follow.

Local river men predict that if the present cold snap prevails much longer, the Ohio river will freeze up and be closed to navigation completely. As it is, it is pretty well filled with ice and boats are proceeding only with the greatest difficulty. Below Parkersburg the river has frozen across and again at the mouth of the Miami, and a day or so more with the temperature remaining the same as it is now, will in all probability see it closed at this point.

SCHOOL BOARD HAS MEETING

With all the members of the board of education as it is now constituted present and the members who will take office the first of the year in attendance, the school board met in its last session of the closing year at the high school building, Monday night.

Among other business matters transacted by the board was the authorizing of the clerk to negotiate a loan with the Central National bank for the sum of $13,000 the money to be used by the board in purchasing the handsome residence of Wm. B. Anderson on Gallia street. This large piece of real estate adjoins the W. D. Horr property, recently acquired by the board of education for the purpose of erecting a new high school building for the city. The addition of the Anderson property to the other real estate under control of the school board will give ample room for the proposed new high school and will permit the erection of a structure of magnificent proportions.

The resignation of Miss Louise Parker, a teacher in the Eleventh street colored schools, was accepted by the board. Miss Parker has been a teacher for many years and has made a splendid instructor, and it was not without a feeling of regret that her resignation was accepted. She leaves the public schools to be married.

Upon the suggestion of Superintendent Appel, Misses Josephine Patten and Lulu Turner were qualified by the board to act as substitute teachers in the public schools.

Considerable of the board's time was taken up by architects who were present to submit their plans for the erection of the new high school. Messrs. Pretsinger and Mills of Springfield and Columbus, respectively, were given a hearing, but no definite action was taken, it having been decided to leave the selection of the architect to the new board, which will be installed in office the first of the year.

After the above business had been transacted, the meeting was thrown into an informal sort of an affair and addresses of welcome were made to the incoming members of the school board and farewells said to the retiring members.

President Haas made a splendid little talk concerning the members who depart from the board of education the first of the year. They are Members Marting, Dever and Streich. In highest terms he paid tribute to these public spirited gentlemen who have unselfishly sacrificed their time to serve the intellectual welfare of the community. The present board has done grand work toward the advancement of the educational interests of the city and Members Streich, Dever and Marting have played a conspicuous part in it. Their efforts are realized and appreciated by all who take into consideration the intellectual life of the city.

The board of education will meet again next Monday night at which meeting the members chosen at the recent municipal election, will take office.

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BOOKS, BOOKS, in hundreds of different titles. We had many left over from the great Christmas rush and you can find here just about anything you might wish in the book line. They are very acceptable as New Year's remembrances.

SLEDS FOR THE CHILDREN. Don't forget that we have a nice line of Sleds and Coasters for the children. Better get them one while the snow is on and sledding is fine. Prices reasonable.

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on "The Panama Canal"

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THE FICTION in January HAMPTON'S is alone worth the price of the magazine. "The Two Thousandth Christmas," by Harris Merton Lyon, is especially noteworthy. "De Long's Wife," by Lincoln Colcord; another of the Luther Trant psychological detective stories by Edwin Balmer and Wm. B. MacHarg; also forceful stories by Emery Pottle, William Chester Estabrook, Sui Sin Far and O. F. Lewis.

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EVENING TIMES SPORTS

WAIVERS FOR "BOB" EWING

Clark Griffith admits that he has asked for waivers on Bob Ewing, the most popular pitcher who ever stood in the box for the Cincinnati team. However, Griff states that it does not necessarily follow that the horse fancier will be sold. He is looking for an advantageous trade and will hold on to Ewing should that not be forthcoming.

This makes the second time that waivers have been asked on Ewing. Why, no one seems to know, at least 100 miles this side of Cincinnati. Ewing is old, 'tis true, but he still has many a youngster beaten to death when it comes to ability. Last season he won half of his games and was not himself until bets on the farmer lad to cop the hear the close of the season. Any heat.

team that expects to cut much of a figure in the race by all means needs a veteran boxman, especially when said veteran is possessed of the craftiness, nervine and ability of Ewing. Portsmouth fans will hope Long Bob will remain in the Red fold. Griff has said that he would be tickled to death to add Phillippi to the Red twirling corps, so that he cannot rightly claim that he wants to get rid of his old ones to make places for youngsters. Phillippi has Ewing backed off the boards when it comes to age and service in the big show, and when it comes to ability—well, in this man's town practically every fan would give big odds and place their bets on the farmer lad to cop the

DREYFUSS FINDS MAN WHO DISOBEYS HIM

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Pitcher Bill Powell, of the Pittsburg team, has defied Barney Dreyfuss and signed to play basketball with a Central league team. Today President Dreyfus wrote Powell commanding him to quit basketball at once, or suffer a horizontal cut in his salary with the Pittsburg champions for next season.

Powell's friends are claiming discrimination by the club owners, declaring that Hans Wagner is playing basketball regularly. This is denied by the Pittsburg club owners, who say even if this were so, their order to Powell will stand, as Wagner always turns up in the best of condition. The club claims Powell injured himself by playing basketball last season, and could not play his game of baseball last summer.

DANE AFTER DEMON RUM

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Not satisfied with ducking his Freddie Welsh bout in London in favor of a 45-round go at Los Angeles Feb. 22 with Ad Wolgast as an opponent, Lightweight Champion Battling Nelson is now after the liquor evil. "Demon Rum" is going to be knocked out if Nelson can do it.

"I have made nearly $250,000 with my two hands since I have been in the fighting game, but neither of them have ever lifted a glass of liquor to my lips, and they never will."

This is what the champion told William A. Brubecker, county chairman of the Prohibition party, in a letter to the dry leader, asking to be given a chance to "fight the booze" from the lecture platform. The Chicago anti-saloon campaign will begin shortly after Jan. 1.

Nelson, who prides himself on being the living pugilist who does not smoke, chew nor drink, declared tonight that he would be willing to take the lecture platform at any meeting that the Prohibition party might arrange.

"It's this way," he said. "The fellows that are fighting the booze are not going to any temperance meeting where they can be warned about drinking, and I think that if I spoke at a gathering maybe they would come."

NOW IT IS STIFF ARM THAT CAUSES DEATH

Boston, Dec. 28.—Fred W. Moore, in discussing the necessity for changes in the rules of football to eliminate dangerous features, in the current issue of "The Harvard Bulletin," lays particular stress on the use of the stiff arm by the defending side in blocking or tackling. He says on this point:

"Another feature of the present game which I believe ought to be absolutely abolished is the pushing or, as a matter of fact, the striking of an opponent in the face or head with the open hand by the defending side, usually with the heel of the hand. This blow landed on the jaw is fully as effective, so far as its jarring effect on the brain is concerned, as a blow with the closed fist would be, though it does not have the cutting effect that the knuckles would have. It is coming to be more and more a feature of the game under the present rules. Every line man is now taught that the easiest way in breaking through is to "push" his head around, and incidentally that the harder that he pushes his head the less effective that opponent will be in the next play.

BLOW IS LEGITIMATE

"This method of meeting an opponent in the open is also being developed, as we saw in the Harvard-Yale game, where time and again a straight arm punch with the heel of the hand in the face was worked in as a part of a most effective tackle. Though such blows are absolutely barred in professional prize fighting, under the official interpretation of the present rules of football, they are perfectly legitimate. While such a blow has no serious direct effect other than a possible broken nose, the indirect effect is serious in that if it is effectively landed it tends to render an opponent for a few minutes decidedly "groggy," and until he recovers from its effects he is just as incapable of protecting himself from injury as he would be if suffering from exhaustion or by being partially stunned in some other way.

"In some respects it might almost seem that the present rules especially provided for damage to players, on the one hand by taking away the right to prevent the collision of bodies, or at least to break its force, and on the other hand by authorizing vicious assaults on the most vital part of the anatomy, the head."

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Jack Hendricks Kids Busher at Ft. Wayne

Louis Heilbroner, the chief scout of the Cincinnati club, sprang the best story of the many released for publication at the New York meeting.

"Down in my home town, Fort Wayne, Ind.," said Heilbroner, "a busher reported last spring to Jack Hendricks, the manager. The rube put on a uniform and walked out on the field, which had been nicely sodded. The club had laid out a nice grass diamond, at which the busher looked in some surprise. He walked over the diamond and dug at the sod with his foot, finding it solid and glanced at the outfield.

"'How soon did you say you were going to open?' he inquired of Hendricks.

"'In about two weeks.'

"'Wal, I guess ye'll have to hustle some to get this grass cleaned off the field by that time,' he commented.

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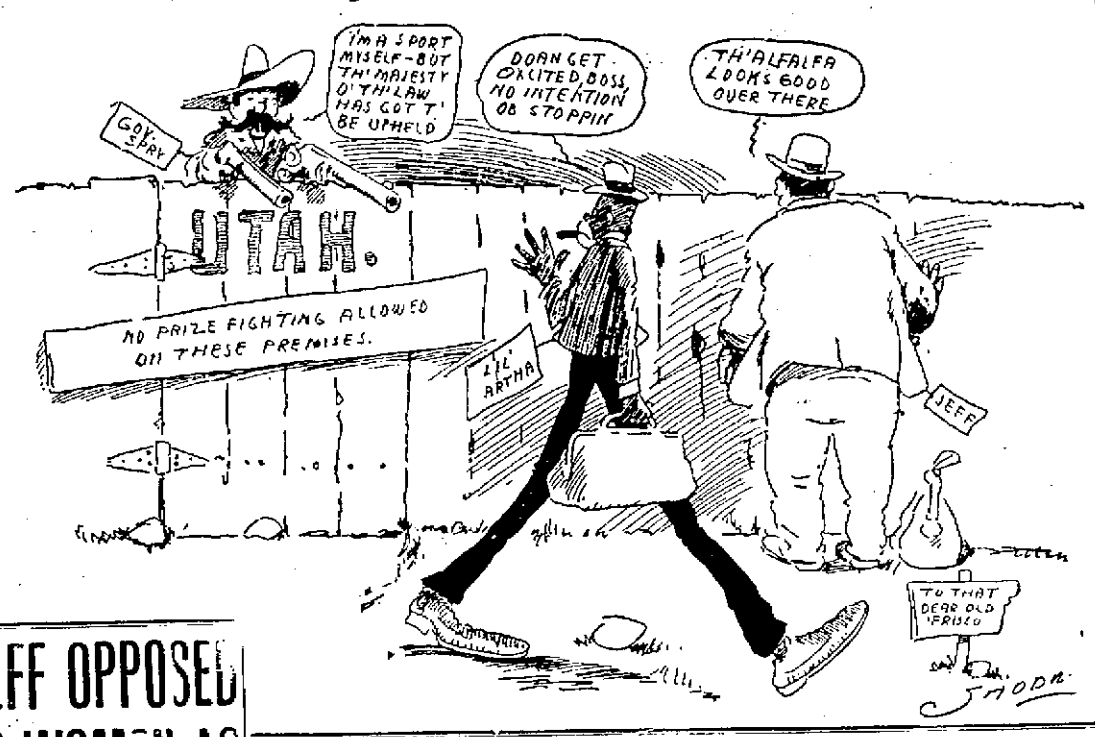
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TH' ALFALFA LOOKS GOOD OVER THERE
GOV. SPRY
UTAH.
NO PRIZE FIGHTING ALLOWED ON THESE PREMISES.
LI'L ARTHA
JEFF
TO THAT DEAR OLD 'FRISCO

JEFF OPPOSED TO WOMEN AS SPECTATORS

(By JEFF THOMPSON.)

New York, Dec. 28.—The secret is out at last. Jeffries does not believe in women attending prize fights. Fie on you, Jim! Don't you know that a woman will spend as much money for a seat at the prize ring as a man if she wants to see a scrap. Our old friend, Mr. Bat Masterson, has come out strong against women's suffrage, and now comes James arguing against allowing women in the arena on July 4 next, when the big scrap comes off for the heavyweight championship. Jeff's statement anent women was brought forth by the announcement from Tex Rickard that if the fight were held in Salt Lake City arrangements would be made for the seating of 5000 women fight fans.

"I don't believe in women going to prize fights," growled Jeffries as he read the program. "Prize fights are fought by men, and it is a form of sport intended for men, and the prize ring is the last place on earth where a woman ought to show herself. I don't believe in it, and I will counsel against it."

Jack Johnson was more charitable. Jack's $30,000 teeth gleamed like a Neapolitan sunset as he listened to the plans.

"Golly, dat am jest fine," said he. "Won't I look fine with dem white ladies lookin' on with my belt and sash. Mr. Rickard am jest de nicest man for a-fixing of dat scheme. Glory be!"

I am with Jeff. Let the women attend to the infants and to the preparing of the pantry shelves, and so forth. In a big fight, when the blood begins to fly and the fighters' faces begin to look like raw beef and the onlookers lose control of their tongues and hurl language through the cigar smoke that would make old Cap'n Kidd's efforts feeble—well, when these things begin to happen no respectable woman would be there, anyhow.

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2 B—Doyle, N. Y.	.300
3rd B—Grant, Phil.	.269
SS—Wagner, Pitts.	.339
LF—Clarke, Pitts.	.287
CF—Seymour, N. Y.	.310
RF—Mitchell, Cin.	.310

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Grover Land Tries to Send "Cy" Young A Xmas Gift

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 28.—Cy Young, the most noted baseball pitcher in the world, will have a dry New Year because his home is not on the map. That his home is not on the map was actually demonstrated today when Grover Land, Frankfort's best known professional ball player, who is under contract with Cleveland, tried to locate Cy's town to send him a gallon of Kentucky's finest mountain dew. Land took the fire water to the express office and said he wanted to ship it to Paoli, O.

"To where?" asked the express boy.

"To Paoli, O.," replied Land.

All of the books, young and old, were looked through, but there was no record of any such place. "It must be all a myth," said Land. It must be that Paoli, O., never existed and that Cy Young doesn't live on the map, but I'm going to get this oil of joy to Young, if I have to carry it to him." He then addressed the package to "Cy Young, Baseball Pitcher, Ohio" and sent it, hoping it will reach the noted twirler by New Years.

BOB FITZSIMMONS IS A DOWN & OUTER

It's take in your sails, for poor old Bob Fitzsimmons, the grand old man of the prize ring. He's down and out completely so far as using his dukes as bread winners.

This fact was forcibly impressed upon the short haired fraternity, Christmas day, when the freckled face received his'n from the hands of Bill Lang at Sydney, Australia, the former home of the "Kangaroo."

Fitz went along bravely, even cunningly, for the first few rounds. He displayed his old time dash and cleverness, and Lang, who would have a deuce of a time staying three rounds with America's fourth raters, was completely baffled and rattled. Fitz hit him with ease, and had the strength behind his blows would have sent his larger opponent to dreamland in less than three rounds. But the pace soon told on Bob, and in the twelfth round he was so tired with his own exertions that he could scarcely hold up his guard and a well placed punch on the jaw, superinduced by a stinging uppercut in the same latitude, sent the old war horse to the canvas where he remained for fully a minute.

He went down game and had no excuses to offer for his defeat. "I guess I'll have to admit that I am too old for the game," was his characteristic remark.

And Fitz spoke a volume in that short sentence. Father Time has his measure. What vitality he has wasted in riotous living can not be rebuilt. He simply has succumbed to the inevitable, and so far as the fight game is concerned is a dead number. It's the footlights for Fitz, or the blacksmith shop. His fortune is gone, but he can always make an independent living by exhibiting himself about the country, for he is one of the most popular pugilists that ever lived and will be remembered years after the demise of such fellows as Tommy Burns, Al Kaufftman and Marvin Hart.

It was befitting that he end his fighting career in the same land that gave him his start. Fitz will come back to America, his adopted land where he will spend his days trying to make both ends meet. He has made several fortunes in his day, but the money came easy and went likewise until today it is said he has not a cent to his name outside of the short end of the $12,500 purse he received in his fight with Lang.

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How The Word "Bunt" Broke Into Baseball

"How did the word 'bunt' get into baseball?" somebody asked Arthur Irwin.

"It came from the word 'pun,'" said the old-time shortstop. "One day in Boston, back in 1877, I guess it was Carroll laid the ball down and beat it out. The official organ said the next day: 'A wonderful thing happened in yesterday's game. In the eighth inning Carroll punted the ball and actually beat it to first, amid shrieks of laughter.'

"I think I introduced the bunt in the West. I made four in one game in Detroit, all down the third base line. Old Jim White was playing third, and it was funny to see him try to pick up the bunts and get them across; funny, because Jim could handle a hard-hit ball as well as any man in the country."

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BLAKE MAY GO TO ROANOKE IN SPRING

Harry Blake, employed at Joe Distel's soft drink parlors in the East End, has received a flattering offer to join the Roanoke team of the Virginia league and will likely accept. He states that should he secure a berth in a town south of the Mason and Dixie line he feels confident that he will be able to play as well as ever.

Biggest Show Ever Here

The "Three Twins" musical comedy, that plays the Grand on next Monday night, is the largest company and production that has ever been to Portsmouth. The magnitude of this production may be seen when Mgr. Higley has been forced to secure an extra transformer to supply the needs of their electrical equipment, also it will be absolutely necessar to cut out six seats in the front row of the balcony to accommodate the six lamps used in this production. Mgr. Higley also has his stage carpenter at work bracing the stage so that nothing can happen as the company carry a 5000 pound electrical swing and this extra weight when loaded with girls and swinging around is tremendous. Don't fail to see this great offering.

ORPHEUM HAS GOOD SHOW THIS WEEK

The offering at the Orpheum for the first half of the current week is finding favor with patrons of the popular little playhouse and was very pleasing to two fair sized audiences that witnessed the opening performances of the bill Monday night.

Ben Terpen and company opens with a funny little play based on the famous cartoons of Happy Hooligan. Their turn is amusing in the extreme.

Willie Hale and brother, sleight of hand performers, afford fifteen minutes of unusually clever entertainment.

The athletic stunt of Ollie Jackson, premier bag puncher, proved a novelty that is well worth seeing.

A neat hit was scored by the musical act of the Lamonts. They are banjo players of high merit and their renditions of the old-time melodies was pleasing to a great degree.

The show closes with the usual interesting motion pictures.

McCarey Likes Negro In Bout

"Johnson has the punch to stop Jeffries." This is the opinion of Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles fight promoter, whose bid of $110,000 for the big battle was turned down at New York last week.

"I consider Johnson a great fighter," continued McCarey. "He not only has a knockout that is only eclipsed by that of Bob Fitzsimmons, but I consider him the greatest defensive fighter in the world. I have seen them all fight, too. His footwork is not like Corbett, but his fine eye sees the blows coming and he wards them off as easily as a man does a fly.

"I put Johnson up against Denver Ed Martin once and I considered Martin the greatest hitter in the land at that time. At the end of 20 rounds Johnson got the decision and Martin didn't land a blow. It was the finest exhibition of chess played in a ring I have ever seen."

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Kid Elberfeld Must Be Good

Now that the deadlock is broken in the National league; that Tom Lynch has been called upon to call the balls and strikes and make other decisions as president, and that everybody concerned in the big fight has received his Christmas present, we can now turn to the playing end of the game. Maybe the public will like it better. "And the game is still in its infancy." Oh, you Ebbets!

We have heard of all kinds of deals in baseball, but the conditional one made between the Yankees and the Washington club for Kid Elberfeld just goes to show how bad a player can get in. Jim McAleer and Stallings said the price paid for Norman was $5000, but the Yankees received just half that amount right off the bat. The rest is to be forked over about July 1. Now, it looks as if the Kid will have to stay in the game for a while or the Yankees will lose $2500, and if the Kid doesn't deliver the goods for McAleer his days as a ball player in the big league are about over.

Were Elberfeld a player who could control his temper and act like other good ball players his services by the Washington or any other club could not have been bought for three times $5000.

There is no doubt that the Kid is an eccentric player, and he always will be. Clarke Griffith tried to build his ball club around him and had the Kid kept trying the Yankees would have been sporting one pennant by this time. Stallings took the obstreperous one and said he could handle him all right, but that's what they all said. Now it looks as if Norman is hanging on the fence. McAleer is going to work him at third base and probably make him captain of the team. It may be that Elberfeld will play his real game.

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No. 4 daily, fast train	12:01 a. m

Columbus District—Westbound

No. 3 daily, fast train	3:55 a. m.
No. 33, Daily ex. Sun	7:28 a. m.
No. 15, Daily	3:42 p. m

Cincinnati District.

No. 23 daily, fast train	4:10 a. m.
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No. 27 Daily	2:10 p. m.
No. 25 Daily, fast train	3:45 p. m

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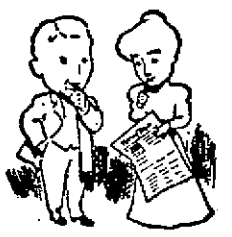

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SECRETARY KNOX, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER; SCENE OF GREAT NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Unusual attention is attracted to the New Year's reception which Secretary and Mrs. Knox will give in honor of the world's diplomats because of the stand the secretary took with regard to the killing of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, in Nicaragua. With few exceptions the diplomats here commend the action of the secretary, and all of them admire the spunk he displayed in demanding that the tyrant Zelaya be called to account for the outrage. The publication of the first detailed account of the executions has heightened interest in the movement against the Nicaraguan government, and, aside from the social nature of the New Year's reception, it will be a specific endorsement of Secretary Knox's policy. The event is looked forward to as one of the most brilliant functions since the last Roosevelt reception, which was the greatest gathering of statesmen and diplomats ever held in this country. Mrs. Knox will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Tindle, in receiving the distinguished guests. Aside from the diplomats, many officers from the army and navy will be present. Ambassadors Bryce, Jusserand, Des Planches and Von Bernstorff will be present with their staffs.

BRIDAL FEAST SERVED IN NEW HOME

Quite a delightful event took place Sunday evening just after the evening train pulled in at New Boston bringing Leander May and his bride-to-be. They went immediately to the home of Rev. J. C. Porter, the genial old preacher, who walked from his sitting room to his parlor on crutches and said the words that made them man and wife, in the presence of some few invited guests. After the ceremony the couple repaired to their own home on Ohio avenue which the groom had in readiness and where the friends had prepared a bridal supper.

The guests were Mrs. May, the mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. A. Crain, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Hail, Mrs. Hubbard, Misses Maggie, Katie and Lillie Hubbard and Ida May, Messrs. Robert May, Bas May, Charles Fetty and Mr. Groenniger of Portsmouth. When the feast was disposed of the guests departed after tendering the warmest congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

Kyle Mourns Loss of Dog

John Kyle, popular driver of the East End, is mourning the loss of his valuable setter dog "Pat." The dog was last seen at the N. & W. stables, Saturday evening. Mr. Kyle would be very grateful to the person who found the dog and will reward it to him.

A Thrilling Escape.

How Perry B. Lewis, of Cherry, Wash., was saved when in daily fear of death is a story to tell the world. "A hard cough" he writes, "kept me on a constant bum, and I could get no relief. Then I got a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me and now I am well as ever." For lung trouble, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup and Whooping Cough, its supreme, 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by The Fisher & Streich Pharmacy.

Ex-Residents Are Visitors

Harry and Elmer Hast, two former Portsmouth boys, are spending a few days at their old home in Portsmouth. They are guests at the home of Mrs. Adam Giesler, Sr., of West Seventh street and other relatives. Both are doing well in the Capital City.

Give Cigars To Employes

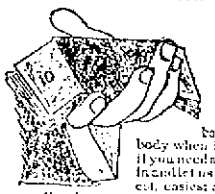
Ruhlman Brothers, plumbers, remembered all their employes with fine boxes of cigars on Christmas day.

Grandfather Fought At Fort McHenry

Grafton Johnson of the Free Reading Rooms, was born and reared in Baltimore and his grandfather was a soldier in Fort McHenry when the British first made its unsuccessful attack on the fort. Mr. Johnson remembers, when a boy, being taken through the fort by his grandfather, and the latter pointing out to him and his brother the points of interest about the fort, the marks of exploding shells, and the place where he was stationed during the bombardment. His grandfather was one of the volunteers from the city who responded to the governor's call for men to help defend the fort. The "Star Spangled Banner" incident is quite vivid in the mind of Mr. Johnson and all other members of old Baltimore families, and he is pardonably proud of the fact that an ancestor of his was on the ground doing duty when the immortal song was written.

Jim Gets Bird On Xmas Day

Director of Public Service James P. Brennan got a unique Christmas gift. It was a small house and when Jim pressed a spring out popped a big green rooster, with a loud crow. On the breast of the rooster was pinned a paper with the words "Be ye a Democrat, Jimmy?" Jim says "he be."



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The new B. & O. S. W. railroad station to be erected at Portsmouth, is to cost $85,000. The contract was awarded Friday to Contractor Patrick Farrell of Cincinnati, at this figure. Work will be begun as soon as the weather moderates, and it is hoped to occupy the depot by fall.

C. & O. Men Hunt For A Supposed Dead Man

The night shift at the C. & O. depot, South Portsmouth, Ky., was thrown into a furore Monday night by a report that a man had been struck and killed by a train just east of the depot. It developed that the report was erroneous. The conductor on an eastbound extra freight, passing through South Portsmouth at 8:30 o'clock, wired from Limeville to the agent at South Portsmouth that his train had hit a man a few hundred feet above the depot and advised immediate investigation. Section Foreman Brown of South Portsmouth led a searching party over the line, but as far as Fullerton, but no body was discovered on the tracks or in their vicinity. Another search instigated Tuesday morning also revealed no sign of a dead or injured man. The name of the conductor of the freight could not be learned and it is said that the South Portsmouth officials were made victims of a practical joke.

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Henry Was In Columbus, O.

Harry Baker, C. & O. brakeman, returned home Monday from Columbus where he spent the holidays.

CAPT. TAYLOR A VISITOR IN CITY

Captain Taylor, formerly pilot on the C. & O. ferry boat, spent Sunday in the city with his daughter. Mr. Taylor has a good position as pilot on the ferry boat between Ashland and Coal Grove. Fifty-one hundredths of this ferry is owned by the Camden Interstate Traction company and the balance of stock is held by private parties. He says the boat is one of the best on the river and carries an immense number of people, running into the thousands on public days. The Interstate has a handsome wait ing room for passengers on each side of the river. The C. & O. has nothing to do with it. Mr. Taylor likes it in Ironton, his old home. Though most of his life was spent in Ironton he likes Portsmouth better. He says Ironton is figuring on a new and large hotel to be erected in the spring.

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FIREMEN GOT MANY FINE PRESENTS

The fire ladies of the Seventh street department wish to acknowledge their thanks to the many people who remembered them with Christmas presents.

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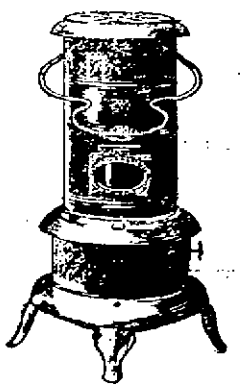

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City Council Holds The Last Session On Monday Night

With no legislation urgently needed only four members of city council turned out for Monday night's adjourned meeting, which in all probability will be the final session of the present body. At close of the short meeting council had the minutes read and approved, but did not adjourn sine die. This course was followed so that the old council could still hold a called meeting should the contingency arise, before the new council has qualified and organized. The possibility that another meeting may be necessary is a remote one, since the new council holds its first meeting Wednesday, January 5, only a week off.

In the absence of Vice Mayor Moore, President Pro Tem Brushart was in the chair. He got to sign up, as president pro tem, the last bit of legislation enacted by this council. It was a resolution to correct a street assessment for the Twelfth street paving. Other members present were Gergens, Schmank and Williams. The absentees were Messrs. Cook, Daehler and Graf. City Solicitor Small was on hand despite his heavy cold. It was the first day he had ventured out in a week. Vice Mayor-elect Pfau and Jacob Gehres, one of the new members elected at large were also present. The other regulars to answer at the roll call were Auditor Musser and Safety Director Brennan.

Mr. Schmank presented a verbal petition for a city street light out on Court street near Tenth. The railroad has a light at the crossing, but the residents desire a light midway in the block. Referred to the light committee. Mr. Schmank also presented a verbal petition from Offnere street residents on the hill, asking that the city repair the sidewalk in front of its residence property occupied by the Greenlawn superintendent. Referred to the service board.

Clerk Musser read the resolution to correct an error in the street assessment made upon the property owned by Henry Rottinghaus at Twelfth and Offnere streets, by reason of the Twelfth street improvement. He was assessed for a lot 70 by 70, whereas he should have to pay for only 24 feet. The resolution passed unanimously to reduce the figure from $166.40 to $57.04.

Solicitor Small reported that he has just filed the suit to test the legality of the water works bond issue. Council has already appropriated the money needed to defend this action through the courts, the theory being that such a suit would be cheaper than an election.

Mr. Gergens called attention to the fact that certain property owners have been letting their hydrants run all night. The service board was directed to cut off all such water users at once.

This council meeting marked the close of the careers of Dr. Williams, Edward J. Daehler, Jacob J. Brushart, Albert Graf and President Moore. Without exception they have been faithful in their attendance at the meetings and their zeal for the public good. The administration of this council was one of the most progressive in the history of the city and the gentlemen named, retire with the good will of all fair minded people. All save two retire to private life, the exceptions being Messrs. Brushart and Graf, who were respectively elected to the board of quadrennial appraisers and to the school board.

Of the present body, Messrs. Cook, Schmank and Gergens were re-elected. The new faces to be seen at the start of the new year will be President Adam Pfau, Messrs. Gehres and Moeller who were elected at large and George M. Osborn and Clifford Smith, who were chosen from the Second and Fourth wards.

SAY LEAGUE HAS DETECTIVES HERE

There is more or less excitement in certain circles over a report that the Anti-Saloon league has two detectives here to aid Special Officers Baucus and Ketter in their work against violators of the Rose Local Option law. The fact that two men, strangers here, are named in the affidavits against Rudy Kountz of New Boston and John Sudenfeld of East Tenth street, is said to bear out the story.

ARE CHARMED BY JACKSON MAIDS

Three gay and dashing young colored gallants, Reese Robinson, Leslie Jones and Harry Diamond went to Jackson Christmas morning to call upon some ladies fair. They were to return home on Monday morning's train, but the "light that lies in woman's eyes" proved too strong a charm and they did not get back until Tuesday. All are busily singing the praises of the Jackson maidens and say they have the Portsmouth girls beat a city block.

THE THREE TWINS SHOW HAS LOT OF SCENERY

The coming of the big musical show "Three Twins," to this city on Jan. 3 is going to impose considerable heavy work upon the stage mechanics at the Grand. One electric swing setting alone weighs over 5000 pounds and Manager Higley will be obliged to have the stage floor braced by heavy timbers. The show will also bring the most elaborate electrical effects ever seen here and additional wires will have to be run into the balcony to connect up the six spot lights used there in addition to the six used on the stage.

HORSE CAR MAN DIES MONDAY

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Major Sidney F. Shaw, said to have been the originator of the old horse street car system, and a union soldier of distinction, died Monday at the age of 77 years.

PHILOSOPHY BY PROF. WHITE

Professor Abe White is not only a fine musician but something of an oracle as well. When the sun was shining through the falling snow today someone asked Abe what it was the sign of when it was snowing and the sun shining. The professor assumed a wise expression of countenance and said:

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News And Gossip From The Capitol

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—The Ohio State Board of Commerce has perfected arrangements by which really appraisers of the state may receive instructions in their work from the New York City appraising board which has the finest system for appraising property extant. Each city board is invited to appoint one or two of its members, clerks or experts to go to New York to be instructed by experts employed by the board of that city. Although January is a busy month with the New York board, arrangements will be made to receive the delegates and give them instructions on the evening of January 12, and, if necessary, one or two evenings thereafter. The New York board wishes to know how many delegates will avail themselves of the offer. Unless most of the local boards signify their intention of accepting it, the plan cannot be carried out.

Andrew Carnegie has given Ohio cities nearly two and a half millions for libraries. This is shown in the annual report of the state library commissioners to the governor. State Librarian Galbreath makes an earnest plea for more library room. Ohio's library quarters are more inadequate than those of any other state. The traveling library department has shown a great growth during the year. Nearly 5000 volumes were issued by this department. Ohio circulates more traveling libraries than any other state. This year has been the most successful and satisfactory in the history of the department and reflects high credit upon the efficiency of Librarian Galbreath, who has been at the head of the department nearly 14 years. He was appointed from Columbiana county.

Attorney General Denman has written to Attorney Jeffries, of St. Louis, who claims to have information indicating that the acquirement of telephone stock in the independent companies is in violation of the anti-trust laws, requesting that he turn the evidence over to him, to be used in breaking up the deal for the transfer of this stock, if it develops it was illegal. The attorney general has thus far found nothing that shows that the Bell interests have anything to do with the negotiations.

State Game Warden John C. Speaks said that the reason why he did not resign and take the position of public safety director of Columbus under the new administration was because of pressure brought to bear on him by the commission to remain in his present place. General Speaks has made good as game warden and the commission was loath to lose him. When he took hold of the department it was in bad repute all over the state, but his skillful management has changed all this and now there is no friction between it and the public.

The deputies of the state shop inspector's department are now inspecting the various state departments. The state has never paid any attention to its own laws regarding the equipment of state institutions with safety appliances, and the attention of the legislature is to be called to this. As soon as the inspectors get through, a report of their work will be submitted to the legislature.

Charles A. Thatcher, who was disbarred from the practice of law by the supreme court, has made application to that body for reinstatement. He was found to have been guilty of unprofessional conduct and the court took away his right to practice. His offense consisted in criticising judges on the bench. He is from Toledo.

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JUDGE DEVER READY FOR SESSION

Representative Dever will go to Columbus Sunday evening to be there in time for the opening of the legislative session Monday morning. The judge thinks the session will be a busy one, though possibly not a very long one. He says the body will go right to work on the report of the codifying commission and stay with it till the whole matter is cleaned up. The commission is ready to report, with four large volumes, containing a thousand pages each. The entire code of the state will be brought up to date. The judge thinks it unlikely that there will be any temperance legislation, though the friends of Senator Dean's bill, defeated at the last session, and which provides that cities and towns shall vote separately on local option from the rural districts, may be again brought up.

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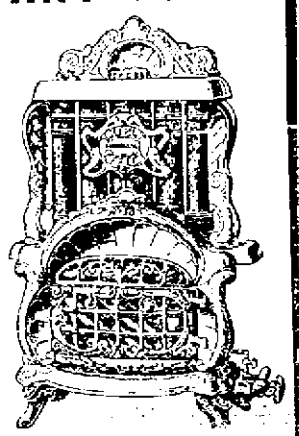

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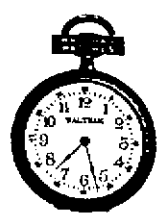

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THE small boy who had been looking for Helen Forsythe's automobile returned with the discouraging news that he had discovered it, surrounded by numerous other cars, on Fortieth Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

"Why not walk over?" Miss Forsythe suggested. And, as the night was fine, Mrs. Olcott agreed, and with Henry Carter in the lead they slowly pushed their way through the throng massed about the Opera House door. With the small boy in advance, the little party crossed Seventh Avenue and continued along the dark side street until they had nearly reached Eighth Avenue, where they found the car wedged tightly against the curbstone. Miss Forsythe gave the chauffeur his instructions and followed her aunt into the car. Carter got in and the automobile started, but had not gone more than a few feet when the door was violently jerked open by a man who threw himself far into the body of the car. His appearance was so very sudden and so entirely unexpected by the smiling trio that Miss Forsythe had only time to instinctively grasp the pearl brooch she wore in her corsage. Mrs. Olcott was altogether too frightened to move or speak, and Carter sat dumbly looking down the barrel of a stocky revolver. The man wore a long overcoat and his face was almost entirely hidden by the broad brim of a felt hat. It was impossible to see his eyes, and his mouth was concealed by a heavy black mustache.

"Just one cry from any of you," he said, in a very low but exceedingly impressive voice, "just one cry, and I'll shoot."

For an interminable second the highwayman seemed to hesitate, and then with his free hand he roughly pulled away Miss Forsythe's hand which was clasped over the brooch, and, seizing the jewel, tore it from the chiffon to which it had been attached. Then, with the revolver still pointing at Carter, he backed out of the car and slammed the door.

With a spring Carter started after him, but before he could turn the handle of the door Miss Forsythe threw her arms about his neck.

"Don't—please don't follow him," she begged. "He'll shoot you. Please don't go—for my sake."

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The conditions made the young man's position even more absurd than appeared from the mere incident of the hold-up. Henry Carter was not at heart really a snob, but if he had to be held up, he was extremely sorry that it had happened on this particular evening. It had all begun several weeks before, on a beautiful morning in early October. With his mind at ease and no plans for the day in sight, he was sauntering down Fifth Avenue when he was arrested in his walk by the crowd gathered about the road coach in front of the Holland House and just about to start on its daily trip to Ardsley. The idea of a drive on such a wonderful cloudless day appealed to him as a most charming inspiration, and as he was a friend of the millionaire driver, he inquired if there was a vacant place for him. Fortune was kind, and although the box-seat was preempted, there was a place left on one of the rear seats. It was the love for the blue sky and the cool crisp air that had tempted him, and while he took no particular interest in his fellow-passengers, Carter was moderately pleased to find himself next to a young woman whose dark beauty was quite as attractive as the charm of manner which she displayed toward the middle-aged lady sitting on her other side. By the time he had reached the entrance to the Park he was sufficiently advanced in his conversation with the young woman to express a derogatory criticism of the Sherman statue, and by One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street he had been formally presented to her aunt. The drive turned out a much more charming escapade than he could possibly have hoped for. The older lady graciously refrained from talking at all, and the girl's conversation was much more amusing than anything that Carter had heard for a long time. Having first admitted that she had noticed that he spoke to the millionaire whip in terms of intimate friendship, she then proceeded to tell him of her own life on the West Side as if it had been as foreign to him as the daily routine of a Javanese beauty living captive in a Turkish harem. She referred to Central Park as the "impassable ravine" that separated East Side from West Side society, and frankly admitted that it was a new and real pleasure to chat with anyone whose family had settled on "the modish bank of the gulch." Carter listened to her imaginative prattling with ever-increasing admiration, took most excellent care that he sat next to her at luncheon, and enjoyed the return home even more than he had the outbound journey. Indeed, so ardent were his expressions of delight at the chance meeting and so sincere were those of his regret that they might never meet again that the young lady, with a somewhat diffident manner, asked him to tea the very next day. This was followed two weeks later by a dinner party at her home, where he met not only Miss Forsythe's father but a number of the young lady's friends and neighbors.

The dinner could not have been more gorgeous. Papa Forsythe, of a large, florid Western type, was almost boisterous in his welcome, and the girl friends of the hostess were all beautiful, marvelously well-gowned and most snappy in conversation. In return for this hospitality, Carter had asked Miss Forsythe and her aunt, whom he had first met on the coach, to dine with him at Sherry's and afterward to occupy a box in the grand tier at the Metropolitan Opera House. Up to the time that the highwayman leaped into the automobile and suddenly disappeared with Miss Forsythe's jewel, the party had been an unqualified success. But the hold-up, at least so Carter thought, as he sat gloomily on the front seat of the car watching Mrs. Olcott recover her senses, was most unfortunate. Not that he did not respect Mrs. Olcott and greatly admire the mental and physical charm of her niece. Here was certainly one of those cases of a girl with unlimited means and without the position in a certain set that she greatly desired and a young man with just the opposite virtues; but, even frankly admitting these facts to himself, Carter was still sorry that the hold-up had not occurred on one of those nights when he had attended the opera with some of his more intimate friends. The young man was constitutionally opposed to notoriety, and notoriety was about as sure to follow in this case as day follows night. This was the general trend of Carter's thoughts as the automobile, once having cleared itself from the tangled mass of other cars, sped northward toward the Marie Antoinette.

When they had at last reached their destination, Mrs. Olcott protested against leaving her niece unchaperoned with a man whom she knew so slightly as she did Mr. Carter, but Miss Forsythe insisted that the case was altogether exceptional, and that the cut-and-dried laws of social deportment could not possibly hold under the circumstances.

"Just one cry, and I'll shoot"

When Carter returned to the automobile he stuck his head through the half-open window. "Where shall I tell him to go?" he asked. "Police headquarters I should think would be best."

"Tell him to go to two-twenty-three West Sixty-ninth Street," came Miss Forsythe's answer from the depths of the car.

"Where?" Carter asked.

"Two-twenty-three West Sixty-ninth."

With a half-stifled exclamation, Carter did as he was told and then climbed into the car.

"Will you tell me," he asked, sinking into the seat next Miss Forsythe, "why we are going to look for a stolen jewel at a strange address on West Sixty-ninth Street?"

"I will," Miss Forsythe said. "Because that's the address of the young man who took it."

Carter glanced at the girl beside him, and then, turning his head, looked out of the window as several blocks of new apartment houses flew by.

"A friend of yours?" he asked.

"Yes, or perhaps I should say an acquaintance. No, a friend."

"Must be a splendid fellow," Carter dared. "Sorry I don't know him. I should like to have him around. He would——"

"You do know him," Miss Forsythe interrupted. "You met him at my house at dinner."

"Of course," Carter said enthusiastically; "I know—the big showy one in the very talented clothes, but he was clean-shaven then. He looked more like a tailor's advertisement in the back of a magazine than a burglar. I talked to him after dinner and found him most learned on the subject of cognac. Is he a regularly licensed highwayman, or is it an aggravated case of kleptomania with him?"

Miss Forsythe leaned her elbow on the window frame and rested her chin in the palm of her hand. "Poor Philip!" she sighed; "he needs the money, I guess. He called on me this evening just as I was leaving the house to go to dinner and said that he must have a loan at once. It seems that he had been gambling rather heavily at his club the night before, and he said if he didn't pay his losses at once he would be expelled."

"Must be fond of club life," Carter interjected. "He certainly takes long chances to pay his debts."

"Philip really loves his club," Miss Forsythe said, reflectively. "He begged me almost on his knees to loan him the money, but to tell you the truth he is already considerably in my debt. You see he comes from our home town—Butte—and, in a way, we grew up together."

"A charming childhood friend," Carter said. "I wonder that he didn't remain nearer his native heath. The danger must be much less in holding up stage coaches in mountain passes than automobiles on Fortieth Street."

The automobile had come to a full stop before an old-time four-story dwelling, the two lower floors of which had been turned into shops.

Carter looked up at the gloomy exterior, but made no apparent move to leave the car. "Well?" the girl asked.

"Well," Carter said, "what is your general plan of action?"

"If he is at home I shall confront him with the theft. Philip Rawdin needn't think he can fool me with his false mustache. Are you ready?"

Miss Carter started to rise, and as a gentleman and big-game hunter Carter could do no more than open the door and help her to alight from the automobile.

She led the way up the steps and pushed the button over the brass letter-box which Carter noticed bore the name of Philip Rawdin. The catch of the front door clicked, and they entered and climbed slowly up two long flights of stairs. As they reached the hallway of the third floor a door was thrown open and Rawdin stood silhouetted against a broad shaft of yellow light.

"Why, Helen," he said, in the same rich deep voice, which to Carter sounded strangely familiar, "is it you? This is a surprise." He extended his hand and led her into the room. Carter followed and was cordially greeted by the host, who spoke with much warmth in recalling their former meeting.

"Take off your things, won't you?" he said, stirring up the blazing logs with a highly burnished poker. "Perhaps Mr. Carter will have a little Scotch—I have some particularly smooth Scotch—and, Helen, what is it to be—tea? I think there is some champagne in the ice-chest."

"Yes," Miss Forsythe said, deliberately. "I think I'll stay." She dropped the cloak on a neighboring chair and continued: "But nothing to drink, thank you, Philip."

"Won't you sit down?" he said, and then turning to Carter, "You'll find that chair by the desk very comfortable."

"Did you go to the theater, Philip?" Miss Forsythe asked, in a manner which suggested complete indifference.

"No," Rawdin said, still rocking; "opera to-night."

Miss Forsythe raised her eyebrows. "It's a pity you didn't visit us in the early part of the evening—in our *box*."

"I saw you there," Rawdin said, smiling, "and you were certainly looking very beautiful, Helen; but I'm not much on visiting. I go to the opera for the music."

Miss Forsythe looked her host fully in the eyes. "Is that *all* you go to the opera for? How about the pearl brooch of mine over there which you have so inadequately concealed under that pile of letters?"

The girl's conversation was much more amusing than any Carter had heard for a long time

Rawdin walked over to the desk and, pushing aside the letters, picked up the brooch and held it so that the light from the chandelier fell full on the round snowy pearls and the wonderful white circle of diamonds that surrounded them.

"It's a pretty bauble," he said, slowly turning the jewel in his hand. "It would have saved me many of my troubles. I fear my disguise must have been most incomplete."

"Incomplete!" sneered Miss Forsythe; "you looked like the heavy villain in a Columbia College burlesque. That mustache was a joke."

With his free hand Rawdin rubbed his upper lip, which was still conspicuously red. "When I tore it off I was sure that it had taken most of my face with it. I could write a wonderful reference for the man that made that mucilage."

"You won't be able to write references," Miss Forsythe said—"not from where you are going. I read in a newspaper once about a murderer or a burglar or something who was in jail, and a letter once a month to his folks was all that he was allowed and the janitor read that."

"Keeper, you probably mean," Rawdin corrected. "Do, Helen, try to forget Harlem on an occasion like this. You don't really mean that you are going to send me up. I explained to you how necessary the money was."

Carter was becoming annoyed, and with some little difficulty pulled himself from the depths of his chair.

"I think there has been quite enough of this," he said, rising. "Kindly give the lady her property and we will go. As for your arrest, I shall do just what Miss Forsythe wants me to do. Personally, I am interested solely in the return of the jewel."

With a sigh Rawdin walked over to Miss Forsythe and dropped the brooch in her extended hand. Then he returned to his former stand before the hearth and slowly began his meditative rocking.

"Well," asked Carter, turning to the girl, "what have you decided?" But just as he turned, he was conscious of a sudden movement on the part of Rawdin, and quickly facing him found himself for the second time that evening looking down the barrel of the stocky, glistening revolver.

"It was lucky I thought of slipping this in my pocket," Rawdin said. "It just occurred to me when I heard the bell ring."

Carter looked at the revolver, and for answer slightly shrugged his broad shoulders.

"Now, Mr. Carter," Rawdin said in his most amiable manner, "I shall have to ask you a favor. Please sit down at my desk and write as I dictate."

Again Carter shrugged his shoulders, and drawing a chair up to the desk found a sheet of note-paper, and dipping a pen into the inkstand nodded that he was ready.

Rawdin slowly began his dictation, apparently carefully weighing each word:

"I, Henry Carter, hereby declare that on the evening of November twenty-six, Nineteen hundred and nine, I was in the automobile of Miss Helen Forsythe when she was relieved of a pearl brooch by Philip Rawdin; that at a subsequent interview in the presence of Miss Forsythe I was convinced beyond any doubt whatever that the jewel was stolen as a practical joke, and that the owner was convinced of this fact and voluntarily relieved said Rawdin of all blame in the matter."

Carter glanced at Miss Forsythe and the girl violently nodded her head in dissent.

"Don't waste valuable time," Rawdin said. "Sign it, please."

For a moment Carter hesitated, and then tossed the pen on the desk. "I'll be damned if I do," he muttered. "What are you going to do about it?"

Rawdin seemed but slightly annoyed at the refusal. "I'm sorry," he said; "I didn't think you'd be so foolish. Really, Mr. Carter, you drive me to extreme measures. I am very sorry—not for you, but for the lady."

"You wouldn't shoot me," Carter said. "You wouldn't dare."

Rawdin looked him fairly in the eyes. "No," he said; "I wouldn't kill you, if that's what you mean, but I'd certainly wing you."

He backed slowly toward a door leading into his bedroom. "Don't try to move—either of you," he commanded. "I'll be back in no time." With the revolver still pointing at Carter, Rawdin opened the door, and leaving it opened disappeared in the bedroom.

"Quick!" Carter said to Miss Forsythe, "Let's take a chance." But the girl, with her pretty face gone very pale, sat motionless staring at the open door. Carter ran to her side, but before he could arouse her Rawdin had returned.

"I was cutting the telephone wire," he said pleasantly. "Now I'm going away from here for a little time, but I hope to return very soon. I'm sorry to force such an unfortunate position on a girl, especially one I once called friend, but you have both made it necessary. I am going to lock you in my apartment. There is a drop of some thirty feet from the bedroom windows, and the neighboring buildings are usually unoccupied at this hour. You will note by the clock on the desk that it is already past midnight—certainly a most imprudent hour for a young lady to be discovered in a bachelor apartment with a young man. If you should call for help it will surely raise a row, and the people who come to your aid are no more likely to believe your strange story than are the people who live in the apartment hotel across the street should you open these windows and raise a cry. I am taking the key of this door which leads to the hallway, as well as that of the street door, with me; so far as I can see, there is no possible way for you to escape without breaking your young necks or creating a most distressing scandal. Don't worry about me, as I shall ask Charles the chauffeur to let me share your automobile with him. When you have decided to sign that paper, you might pull back the curtains of one of the windows of this room and raise the shade. Then when I see the light I will understand that you are willing to accept my terms."

Rawdin had been gradually backing toward the door leading into the hallway, and as he finished speaking he quickly let himself out, and the door shut with a sharp click behind him.

For a few moments there was silence, while the two young people stared into each other's eyes. Then Carter slowly took off his overcoat, threw it across a chair and leisurely crossed the room to a buffet that stood in the corner.

"I'm very sorry," he stammered. "You see, Miss Forsythe, I have known you for so short a time." She drew her pretty red lips into a straight line and shook her head. Whatever may have been her birth or her early training, she appeared just then to Carter as the highest type of the high-bred, most carefully nurtured American girl. The mellow glow from the fireplace fell on the soft masses of brown hair, worn high over the clear broad forehead, on the pink-and-white cheeks, the slightly retroussé nose, the delicate nostrils, the ivory throat and neck, and the bare shoulders.

Miss Forsythe pressed her lips into a straight line and slightly shrugged her shoulders. Carter suddenly straightened himself, and, leaning over the table, looked the girl fairly in the eyes.

"I have an idea," he said. "It may not be a very brilliant thought, but I think it would help matters a little. Let's be engaged—fix up a story with Rawdin that we came here for a little unconventional supper to celebrate the event. If anyone ever does learn of our being here, it will not look so badly. I can call on your father to-morrow morning and officially ask for your hand, saying that you have consented. You can make the engagement just as public as you wish, and then, whenever you desire it, you can throw me over."

Again Miss Forsythe shrugged her shoulders—this time, as if by way of consent.

"Under the circumstances," Carter said, "I think we might now call your friend Rawdin."

Miss Forsythe inclined her head, and Carter pulled back the curtains and ran up the shade to the full height of the window. A few moments later Rawdin let himself in the door and stood smiling at his enforced guests. In a few words Carter told him of the engagement they had made and asked him if he would uphold them in the story of the supper party.

"Of course I will," Rawdin consented; "that is, if you sign the paper about the robbery. Besides, in a way, you did come here to supper, although a meager one, and not very successful, I fear, from anyone's standpoint."

Carter sat down at the desk and signed the paper. Rawdin took it and then held out his hand as if to seal the bargain, but Carter turned his back.

"Are you ready, Miss Forsythe?" he said.

The girl rose, and helped her wrap carefully about her. "Good-night, Philip; I'm sorry," she said from the doorway, but Philip was lighting a cigarette and apparently did not hear her.

They returned to Miss Forsythe's home on the West Side in silence. The girl sat in the corner, her head sunk against the cushions and her eyes closed; Carter looked out of the window for the most of the time, but now and then he stole a glance at the pale, pretty face and the little body fairly stepping from the worries of the night. He would like to have taken the slender, gloved hand that lay in her lap in both of his and tell her how very sorry he was for her and how if it had not been for the miserable experience that had forced their engagement upon them how he might have really cared. The car gradually slowed and then stopped before Miss Forsythe's home. The slight jolt brought the girl to herself again, and Carter opened the door and helped her to alight. There was a light in the front windows and for a moment she hesitated at the foot of the brownstone steps.

"Father must be still up," she said; "I'm afraid he's worried. Would you mind coming in for just a moment? You could back me up in my story."

Carter reached out his hand and pressed the one that hung at the girl's side. "And may I ask him about—about you?" he begged.

Miss Forsythe inclined her head, and there was a little wistful smile about her lips. "Yes," she whispered, "if you like."

They found the father, much flustered, waiting for them in the hallway, but before he could speak the daughter rushed into his arms and began to tell him the story of the night. "And who do you think the burglar was," she cried; "that crazy boy, Phil Rawdin? He did it for a joke, but just think if he had been caught! I knew who it was all the time, and Mr. Carter and I followed him to his room and he met us at his door, fairly roaring with delight over his joke. So then we stayed to supper and—and—I think Mr. Carter had better tell you the rest." She pushed her father toward the door leading to the drawing-room. "Not here, Daddy," she said. "Please go to your study. It's very serious, really."

With much gravity the old man led Carter through the dark drawing-room to his little study beyond, turned on the electric light and closed the door. In a few conventional words the young man told his story and placed himself at the tender mercies of the bluff Westerner. The conference was a short and apparently a happy one, for in less than ten minutes the young man, smiling broadly, left the older one in the little study, his hands clasped over his fat paunch and looking with glazed eyes into space.

Carter closed the door softly behind him and was halfway across the drawing-room when from a distant corner he caught the glint of a spangled dress. He tiptoed toward it, and suddenly the dress rose and came to him. And he took the girl in his arms and with his lips brushed a wisp of golden hair that had fallen across her forehead.

"It's all right, Helen," he whispered. "We're engaged!"

The girl did not move, and so he drew her nearer to him and again kissed the stray wisp of hair. "And do you know, Helen, your father really seems so pleased over it that I don't think it's right to break it off. What do you think?"

With misty eyes, the girl looked up into his, which were smiling with a real content, and then the door of the study suddenly opened, and Carter ran laughing from the room.

At eleven o'clock the next morning, Mr. Philip Rawdin stood on the deck of the *Adriatic* and leaned nonchalantly against the rail. There was still an hour before the boat would sail, and so he was quite alone. Having satisfied himself of this fact, he carefully drew from his inside pocket a letter, from the leaves of which he took five one-thousand-dollar notes. These he transferred to a case which he carried in an inside waistcoat pocket, and then for the second time read the letter. This was what it said:

"DEAR PHILIP:

"Five thousand dollars! A lot of money—especially when you remember that the whole idea was mine, and then even if you had been caught I would have accepted your explanation of it as a practical joke. However, you did your part well, and I am grateful, especially as I am now engaged, really for keeps. Henry, I honestly believe, loves me for myself alone, and I'm sure he can jump me over the Park to the East Side set in no time. Poor, dear old father! Don't spend all your money at once, and come back soon.

"As ever,

"HELEN."

Philip stifled a yawn and smilingly tore the letter into small shreds, which he allowed to filter through his fingers and flutter to the water below. Then he glanced up at the turquoise sky and drew a long breath of the crisp cool air into his lungs. "Nice girl, Helen," he murmured, "nice girl, but awful little climber. I'll take Monte Carlo for mine, where there is no Central Park [illegible]"

JOHN W. KERN TALKS ABOUT THE CENSUS

Hon. John W. Kern, Jr., of Beaver, who is census supervisor for this district, was in Portsmouth Tuesday, leaving in the afternoon for Winchester. Mr. Kern is now engaged in dividing the district into sub-districts to take the census and has the work completed in most of the counties, Scioto being the exception. He expects to make about 40 or 45 sub-divisions in this county and appoint that number of enumerators.

While here Mr. Kern gave out for publication the following instructions from Washington as to the qualifications and appointment of enumerators, and their examination. It says:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 27 1909.—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, Feb. 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand according to an announcement from the Census Bureau today. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

"It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the Twelfth Census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families, and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

"All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

"Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 66,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15th.

"Application forms, with full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25th as any received after that date cannot be considered."

Those desiring to make application in this district should address John W. Kern, Jr., Beaver, Pike county, Ohio. He will forward full instructions as to how to proceed.

WILLING WORKERS TO GIVE PLAY

The Willing Workers of Seventh Street A. M. E. church will play "Thirty Years of Freedom" in their church Friday evening, December 31st. Refreshments will be served after the play. Admission, 10 cents. Watch meeting will begin at 11 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock a. m., January, 1910.

MRS. BENSON, President.
MRS. HURD, Secretary.

Going to Move To Madison Co.

Henry Emerick a former Kendall avenue resident, who has been residing on the O. M. Coburn farm at Harrisonville, for the past two years, has decided to leave Scioto county. On January 1. He will move to Madison county, Ohio, where he has taken a two years' lease on a large farm. He was formerly employed on the N. & W. railroad.

..When in want of good whiskey mail us your order. Express paid on orders of $2.50 or more. . . Price list furnished upon request.
L. LEVI & CO., 224 E. Third St., Cincinnati.

Making The Pen A Pleasure Resort

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—Hereafter prisoners in the penitentiary will be allowed to smoke in their cells in the evening. This announcement came today from Warden T. H. B. Jones as a Christmas gift to the unfortunates.

Never before have the prisoners been allowed to smoke except on holidays. When Warden Jones made the announcement today to the prisoners, they threw up their hats and cheered him for five minutes.

Although the prisoners are allowed to chew tobacco, which has been furnished to them twice weekly by the state, they will not be furnished by the state with smokes. Cigarettes and pipes are tabooed. Only cigars and stogies will be allowed.

DON'T TRY CRIMINALS IN CHRISTMAS SEASON

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—"Never try criminal cases in the Christmas season," said Federal Judge John E. Sater, of the Columbus division of the southern Ohio circuit, today.

"Lawyers do not want to try criminal cases then, and it is really a bad plan. I let my jury go till after the holidays, two weeks ago. You can't convict anybody in the Christmas season. The jurors are too mellow about that time. The plea to send the man home to his family too often blinds justice.

"No man should be convicted who is not guilty, and this rarely happens. But the guilty man should be convicted. It is always better to try criminal cases when no outside influence operates on the minds of the jurors to warp their judgment. It sounds like a hard thing to say, but our grand juries do not indict unless on a strong probability of guilt. The people want cases decided on their merits, the innocent released and the guilty punished, as a warning to others."

FATHER AND SON MET IN A HOTEL

Mr. F. M. Whitelaw, of Cincinnati, who suffered a second stroke of paralysis Christmas day, is improving, according to word late Monday. Mr. Whitelaw suffered his first stroke while traveling in the south. A peculiar coincidence noted in his first seizure was that, though traveling alone when the stroke occurred, Mr. Whitelaw just happened to be taken to a hotel where his son, Mr. F. E. Whitelaw, was stopping in his travels south.

Crippled Boy Has A Glad Christmas

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Fifteen-year-old Raymond Hoagland, of Mayfield, Ky., lying on his bed in the city hospital with the stubs of his lower limbs cut off and successfully healing, received a Christmas present of $166.50 from his "admiring friends."

It was a funds started several weeks ago to be used in buying him cork legs and was given to him with all the correspondence received.

Raymond was taken from underneath an engine with his feet mangled and they had to be amputated. The following day his mother saw her boy a hopeless cripple for life. "There's no use to worry," she told his grief-stricken mother. "I've still got my hands," and he held them up to prove the assertion. "I'm not dead by any means." Struck by the unusual grit and the sunny optimism of the youth, many admirers sent in donations.

J. W. D. Writes About Excelsior Doings

Bank of Prosperity, State of Happiness:

Pay to the Editor of the Times Three Hundred and Sixty-Five happy days. This check is not exchangeable for any other goods.

J. W. D.

We wish the readers of the Times, one and all, A Happy New Year, and don't forget to write it 1910.

The old year with all its joys and sorrows will soon have passed and gone forever. What of the new year, boys, have you sworn off? If not, now is a good time to do so. How is it with you, girls? Hast thou profited by thine opportunities or art thou still left mourning alone? If so, which and why, and whose fault is it? These are serious questions, girls, ponder over them.

Through a mistake, some way, Miss Sarah Ruggles, the pretty shoeworker of the fitting room, license was published in the Times last week. It should have been her sister, Miss Clara, who was married to Mr. Ruark. We think no apology is necessary on Mr. Ruark's part, as he would have made no mistake had it been either of these fair ones. We extend our congratulations to Clara, likewise the same to Miss Sarah, when her time comes, which we are reliably informed will be in the near future. (In fact, we have an off-hand invitation.)

William Oursler, edge trimmer at the Excelsior, after so many days of anxious suspense on the part of his numerous friends, has done what they feared he would do—committed matrimony. Will kept the books and knew how the account stood. But it is all settled now and Will is an old man. Good bye, Will, we never expect to hear of you more. When a fellow gets married that's the last of him. So, bye bye, Will.

C. S. Clark, one of the popular foremen of the third floor of the Excelsior shoe factory, was presented with a fine rocking chair for a Christmas present by the boys of his department. Clark has the hearts of the boys, which means more work. Look for a good report from them, Mr. Excelsior.

J. W. D.

Mrs. Ray Is Improving

Dr. J. B. Ray was up Christmas day to see Mrs. Ray who is in Grant hospital at Odam us. He reports Mrs. Ray as improving rapidly and she hopes soon to be able to return to Portsmouth.

A Fine Stock of Pianos. Player Pianos, etc. Easy payments. D. F. Creekmaur, 119 East Fourth St. 17-tf

Joe Bishop Is On Deck

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—Secretary Joseph Bishop, of the state board of arbitraton, went to Jackson Monday to use his good offices in the strike at the Diamond Flint Glass factory. According to his information the strike is against a 20 per cent reduction in wages. The company is trying to run the plant with a few non-union men.

CARD OF THANKS.

We thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our baby daughter; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Bauer.

Train Victim Is Recovering

Mrs. Joe Grooms, the woman who was struck by an N. & W. engine at Sardinia several days ago, instantly killing an infant she carried in her arms, is slowly recovering from her injuries and will be able to be moved to her home in a few days.

Traveling Man Has An Idea

A traveling man at the Washington Tuesday noticing persons waiting for street cars in the cold and snow, said he was surprised that a town the size of this should not have waiting stations for street car passengers, particularly at a point where so many people take the cars every hour as Second and Market streets. He said the east side of the esplanade, near the fountain, would be an excellent place for one. The west end of the esplanade at Fifth and Chillicothe streets would be another good place.

PILES Quickly Cured

Instant Relief, Permanent Cure—Trial Package Mailed Free To All in Plain Wrapper.

We want every man and woman suffering from the excruciating torture of piles to just send their name and address to us and get by return mail a free trial package of th most effective and positive cure known for this disease, Pyramid Pile cure.

The way to prove what this great remedy will do in your own case, is to just fill out free coupon and send to us and you will get by return mail a free trial treatment of Pyramid Pile Cure.

Then after you have proven to yourself what it can do, you will go to the druggist and get a 50-cent box.

Don't undergo an operation. Operations are rarely a success and often lead to terrible consequences. Pyramid Pile Cure reduces all inflammation, makes congestion, irritation, itching, sores and ulcers disappear.—and the piles simply quit.

For sale at all drug stores at 50c a box.

FREE PACKAGE COUPON.

Fill out the blank lines below with your name and address, cut out coupon and mail to the PYRAMID DRUG COMPANY, 154 Pyramid B'ld'g., Marshall, Mich. A trial package of the great Pyramid Pile Cure will then be sent you at once by mail, FREE, in plain wrapper.

Name .....
Street .....
City and State.....

Notice for Parole.

Notice is hereby given that William Harris, a prisoner now confined in the Ohio State Reformatory, is entitled, under the law and rules governing paroles from said institution, to recommendation to the Board of Managers by the Superintendent and Chaplain as worthy of consideration for parole. Said application will be for hearing on and after January 18, 1910.

J. E. CLARK,
dec21-3tues Chief Clerk.

Stockholders Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of The Portsmouth Ice and Cold Storage company at the offices of the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice Company on February 1, 1910, at 10 a. m. to consider a resolution to dissolve the corporation, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

PAUL ESSELBORN,
Secretary.
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Great Semi-Annual Clearance Sale!

We face the fact that selling time for winter clothes is growing short. Plenty of time yet to wear heavy weights but the time for selling is not so long. **We prefer money to stocks** and we are going to make great sacrifices to secure it. Buyers, that look ahead and buy ahead, will

REAP A RICH HARVEST AT THIS SALE

We will commence **at once** to move our stock by the power of **Cut Prices.** Read over the inducements enumerated below. Our reputation for a square deal will insure your obtaining just the bargains we offer. You will certainly not want to miss this opportunity.—Read.

We Will on Thursday, December 30, Commence Our Great Semi-Annual Clearance Sale!

This simple announcement will at once arouse the interest of every clothing buyer in this vicinity. Our store will be a blooming garden of bargains in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, etc. Don't hesitate a moment. In this sale, as with all our offerings, you'll find lowest values stitched with truthful words.

EVERYTHING GOES! READ!

A Lot of Suits at Half Price

We have a good many odd Suits, just one or two of a size or pattern. These must be closed as we do every season at half price and the fellow who comes first gets the best pick. These suits consists of the best makes and will sell as follows:

A lot of $10.00 Suits during this sale at $5.00
A lot of $12.50 Suits during this sale at $6.25
A lot of $15.00 Suits during this sale at $7.50
A lot of $18.00 Suits during this sale at $9.00
A lot of $20.00 Suits during this sale at $10.00
A lot of $22.50 Suits during this sale at $11.25
A lot of $25.00 Suits during this sale at $12.50
A lot of $27.50 Suits during this sale at $13.75
A lot of $30.00 Suits during this sale at $15.00

Can you afford to miss this opportunity!

Men's Suits and Overcoats

We don't want profit these days. We want customers. So we offer the following reductions on the most staple and select stock of suits and overcoats, consisting of such makes as "Hirsh, Wickmore & Co.," "Stein-Block Co.," "L. System," "Society Brand," "Harvard," "Clothcroft," "Perfection," etc. All these famous Brands of clothing. Every choice garment in our store is reduced as follows:

$10.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $7.77
$12.50 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $8.88
$15.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $9.99
$16.50 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $10.98
$18.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $12.48
$20.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $14.48
$22.50 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $16.48
$25.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $18.48
$27.50 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $19.99
$30.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $21.98
$35.00 Men and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, fancy and plain at $22.50

Every Suit and Overcoat must go.

Our Semi Annual Shirt Sale

This season we shall offer more fine Shirts and better Shirt values than ever before, at our semi-annual shirt sale. We put all our fancy Shirts into this sale. No reservation or exceptions. We've bought large lines of spring Shirts and we must make room for them.

All Cluett, etc., $2.00 and $1.50 Fancy Shirts all at....$1.19
All Monarch, etc., $1.00 fancy Shirts all at 78c
All Avondale $1.00 fancy Shirts all at 59c
All Perfection $1.00 fancy and plain Shirts all at 69c
All "Our Own" 75c fancy and plain Shirts all at 49c
All Famous 50c fancy and plain Shirts all at 39c

We offer no uncertain Shirts at this sale.

SWEATER COATS

All 50c Sweater Coats go at... ..... 39c
All $1.00 Sweater Coats go at 78c
All $1.50 Sweater Coats go at $1.19
All $2.00 Sweater Coats go at $1.49
All $2.50 Sweater Coats go at $1.98
All $3.00 Sweater Coats go at $2.29
All $4.00 Sweater Coats go at $2.98
All $5.00 Sweater Coats go at $3.98

We have a good selection on sale.

A Lot of Overcoats at 1-2 Price

We still have too many Overcoats on hand and we are going to sell them—that's the situation, put plainly. The fur will now fly—for we have determined to carry over no Overcoat if we can help it. So here we go.

A lot of $10.00 Overcoats during this sale at $5.00
A lot of $12.50 Overcoats during this sale at $6.25
A lot of $15.00 Overcoats during this sale at $7.50
A lot of $18.00 Overcoats during this sale at $9.00
A lot of $20.00 Overcoats during this sale at $10.00
A lot of $22.50 Overcoats during this sale at $11.25
A lot of $25.00 Overcoats during this sale at $12.50
A lot of $27.50 Overcoats during this sale at $13.75
A lot of $30.00 Overcoats during this sale at $15.00

One-Fourth Off Sale on Children's Suits and Overcoats

Figure your own discount. Look at the price tickets, take off one fourth from the marked price—pay us the balance, and the goods are yours. Our entire stock of children's Suits and Overcoats consisting of the most reliable makes and most up to date patterns must be sold, ¼ off the regular price.

$2.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $1.50
$2.50 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $1.88
$3.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $2.25
$3.50 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $2.63
$4.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $3.00
$4.50 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $3.38
$5.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $3.75
$6.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $4.50
$7.50 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $5.62
$8.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $6.00
$10.00 Suits and Overcoats..... ..... $7.50

This is a tremendous discount when it is given in our square dealing way.

A Trouser Opportunity

We always hold a Trouser Clearance sale at this season of the year. All our splendid fitting, well tailored Trousers are marked at a price so low that they will go very quickly

It is time to Trouser up!

Trousers for the working man, Trousers for business wear, Trousers for dress. Every pair will be sold for less than their value.

$1.00 Trouser value at 77c
$1.50 Trouser value at $1.19
$2.00 Trouser value at $1.49
$2.50 Trouser value at $1.88
$3.00 Trouser value at $2.29
$3.50 Trouser value at $2.68
$4.00 Trouser value at $2.98
$5.00 Trouser value at $3.98
$6.00 Trouser value at $4.98

UNDERWEAR

All 50c Underwear sell at... ..... 39c
All $1.00 Underwear sell at... ..... 78c
All $1.50 Underwear sell at... ..... $1.19
All $2.00 Underwear sell at... ..... $1.49
All $3.00 Underwear sell at... ..... $2.29

GLOVES

25c Gloves sell at 19c
50c Gloves sell at 39c
75c Gloves sell at 59c
$1.00 Gloves sell at 79c
$1.25 Gloves sell at 99c
$1.50 Gloves sell at $1.19
$2.00 Gloves sell at $1.49

20 per cent discount on all Trunks, Suits Cases with or without fittings. Bags, Umbrellas, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Bath Robes, Night Robes and Pajamas.

HOSIERY

Lord and Taylor, fancy 50c Sox sell at 39c
Lord and Taylor, fancy 25c Sox sell at 19c

A special lot of 75 dozens.
50c Sox 29c
25c Sox 14c

All Fancy 15c Sox 9c
All Fancy 10c Sox 6c

HATS

$5.00 Knox Hats at ...$3.49
$4.00 Stetson Hats at..$3.29
$3.50 Stetson Hats at..$2.99
$3.00 Howard and Enquirer Hats at $2.49
$2.50 Queen City Hats..$1.98
$2.00 Quality Hats ... $1.49
$1.50 Quality Hats $1.19
$1.00 Quality Hats 79c

SUSPENDERS

25c Suspenders at 19c
50c Suspenders at 39c

5c Handkerchiefs 3c
10c Handkerchiefs 6c
15c Handkerchiefs 9c
25c Handkerchiefs 17c
50c Handkerchiefs 34c

25c Caps go at 19c
50c Caps go at 39c
$1.00 Caps go at 79c

BOYS' KNEE PANTS

50c quality sells at 39c
75c quality sells at 59c
$1.00 quality sells at ...79c
$1.25 quality sells at 99c
$1.50 quality sells at .. $1.19
Children's Rompers, 50c now 39c

All 25c Mufflers go at ...19c
All 50c Mufflers go at ...39c
All 75c Mufflers go at... 59c
All $1.00 Mufflers go at ..79c
All $1.50 Mufflers go at $1.19
All $2.00 Mufflers go at $1.49
All $3.00 Mufflers go at $2.29

Notice—No Goods Will Be Charged During This Sale. Cash Only

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